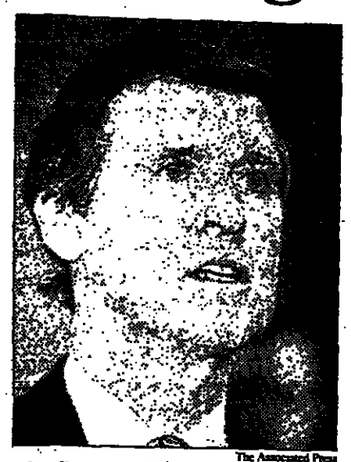
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# Albright to State; a Republican to Pentagon



The Associated Press

Mr. Cohen, a Republican, seeks to be defense secretary for a Democrat.

## A Milestone for Women as U.S. National Security Team Is Picked

By Brian Knowlton
*International Herald Tribune*

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton named his new national security team Thursday, selecting the UN representative, Madeleine Albright, to become the first woman to be U.S. secretary of state and nominating Senator William Cohen, a Republican, as defense secretary.

Mr. Clinton, speaking in the Oval Office with a voice still hoarse from laryngitis, also nominated Anthony Lake, his national security adviser, as director of central intelligence, and Samuel Berger, Mr. Lake's deputy, to take over as security adviser.

While warmly praising the outgoing officials, Mr. Clinton commended his new appointees as being "committed to work together as a team that will rise above partisanship."

Overall, the appointments would appear to point toward continuity in foreign policy. Only one new face, that of Mr. Cohen, will enter the administration, and he is not expected to engineer any dramatic changes in Pentagon policy.

In addition, Mrs. Albright has worked closely with Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and she said Thursday that she would retain Strobe Talbott as deputy secretary of state.

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But the appointment of Mrs. Albright makes history. She will, if confirmed, be the highest-ranking woman ever in the executive branch of government.

Mr. Clinton praised Mrs. Albright, 59, whose family emigrated from Czechoslovakia when she was 11, as someone who "embodies the best of America."

The appointments followed weeks of fervid speculation. But the naming of Mr. Cohen came as no surprise. Mr. Clinton has said that he wants to pursue a more bipartisan approach in his second term. Many Republicans assert that Mr. Clinton did far too little to consult with them in his first term.

Mr. Clinton, while calling William Perry "one of the finest defense secretaries' in history," said that "Bill Cohen is the right man to build on these achievements, to secure the bipartisan support the services deserve."

Asked whether Mr. Cohen's reputation as an independent, at times a political maverick, troubled him, Mr. Clinton replied, "A man with a creative, independent, inquiring mind is just what is needed for this team."

Mr. Cohen, while gaining wide respect since he entered Congress in 1972, has no substantial experience as an administrator, and the Pentagon is the largest agency in the government.

Mrs. Albright is expected to be a more blunt and activist secretary of state than Mr. Christopher. As chief UN delegate, she has been considered hawkish on intervention in Bosnia and on NATO expansion, and led the fight to prevent Boutros Boutros Ghali from returning to a new term as secretary-general.

Mr. Cohen, 56, of Maine, who retired

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Agence France-Presse

Mrs. Albright will leave the UN to take over the State Department.

# Bomb Demolished Newlyweds' Future

## Couple Had Just Arrived in France

By Barry James
*International Herald Tribune*

PARIS — They were newlyweds in Paris and on their way to look at apartments when the bomb went off.

Helene Viel was sitting right next to the bomb — explosives and nails packed into a 13-kilogram cooking-gas cylinder. She was killed instantly.

Frank Stonebanks, whom she had married four days earlier, was at her side.

He was engulfed in flames and seriously hurt, but out of danger Thursday in the intensive care unit of the Rothschild Hospital here.

A man sitting across from the couple also was killed instantly, and a second man died of his wounds Thursday night. More than 100 people were wounded, many of them seriously, when the bomb exploded on a suburban train during the evening rush hour Tuesday.

Rescue workers at first could not identify the dead woman, so severe were her injuries. Mr. Stonebanks identified her by her wedding ring.

He met Ms. Viel while working at a pharmaceutical company in Montreal. She had a master's degree and did pharmaceutical research. He worked for Rhone-Poulenc as a manager for anti-infection products. Recently, Mr. Stone-

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Reuters/Times-Colonist

Helene Viel, who was killed in the blast in Paris, and her husband, Frank Stonebanks.

# Seoul Asks Paris: What's Going On?

## *Cancellation of Thomson Sale Brings Protests and Confusion*

*Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches*

SEOUL — South Korea on Thursday demanded an explanation from the French government for its cancellation of the privatization of Thomson SA, which would have given Daewoo Electronics control of the French company's consumer-electronics unit.

"We have requested an understandable explanation from the French government for our public," a spokesman for South Korea's Foreign Ministry said, adding that Seoul considered the rejection of Daewoo "a national concern" and "a trade issue between the two nations."

France had planned to sell Thomson to Lagardere Group, a French company that would have absorbed its Thomson-CSF defense contracting unit and sold control of Thomson Multimedia to Daewoo. But Paris abruptly pulled out of the deal Wednesday after its privatization commission objected to the provision ceding control of the consumer-appliance maker to the South Korean company.

France's handling of the deal has given it a black eye internationally, with politicians and the press across Europe and Asia criticizing the government's way of doing business.

Newspapers and analysts in Seoul questioned whether the decision was "racist," and Daewoo, which reacted with outrage Wednesday, said it was seeking the real reason behind the rebuff.

"I find France's decision very extraordinary," the chairman of Daewoo Electronics, Bae Soon Hoon, said. "I think a lack of understanding in France about the offer made by Daewoo led to this decision."

Tony Jung, electronics analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities, was more direct: "This is a racist decision. The French couldn't accept the fact that Thomson Multimedia was being taken over by a company from a small country in the East. It was hurting their pride. It could have been different if Thomson was taken over by an American company."

The fiasco sparked fears that other potential South Korean investors in France might think again and that attempts by French companies to move into South Korea could be rebuffed. South Korean companies currently have about $150 million invested in France.

Daewoo Electronics had said its acquisition of Thomson Multimedia would lead it to invest $1.5 billion in France over five years, creating 5,000 jobs.

A senior official at Korea's Trade, Industry and Energy Ministry said the episode "could have a psychological impact" on South Korean business executives.

"They would start whispering among

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# Chinese Power in Hong Kong Precedes the Flag

By Edward A. Gargan
*New York Times Service*

HONG KONG — A few years ago, a mottled brown granite office building in the central business district here changed hands. Along with the $493.5 million sales price paid by the new owners, an assemblage of mainland Chinese investors, came a tidy $17.8 million commission to an unknown real estate company called Sunshine Properties.

No one in Hong Kong had ever heard of Sunshine, and the fact that it is registered in the British Virgin Islands ensured that no one would. But the word on the street was that three Chinese mayors from neighboring Guangdong Province were involved in the deal and were now comfortably fixed for retirement.

In ways legitimate and otherwise, Hong Kong has already become an El Dorado for many Chinese and many Chinese companies. Although only seven months remain until China resumes sovereignty over Hong Kong, in many respects China — its businesses, its way of operating, its politics — has so permeated this territory that little is left to be done but lower the Union Jack.

Hong Kong, even without the flutter of the Chinese flag, has become part of China.

"Everyone understands the nature of the game," said Denis Fred Simon, who runs the China Strategy Group for Andersen Consulting. "The West is being moved out, and China is taking over."

Although the baldest forms of mainland business practices — bribery, padded commissions and relying on political contacts to cut deals — are still largely absent here, the power wielded by mainland companies is more than simply their commercial muscle, and the interests of Beijing are paramount. Most telling was Beijing's decision to strip the old British "hong," or trading house, Swire Pacific, of its majority stake in Cathay Pacific, the territory's major airline, a deal that was thinly disguised as a straight commercial purchase.

"I don't think anyone should be under any illusions that that was not a sweetheart deal for the Chinese," said John Mulcahy, an investment banker here. He predicted the same for "Hong Kong Telecom," the local phone company. Hong Kong's strategic sectors, China has indicated, will be controlled by China.

At the same time, many of Hong Kong's local tycoons have eagerly signed on as official advisers to Beijing and have taken seats on various committees appointed by Beijing that are molding Hong Kong's postcolonial government.

In the cozy relationship between the business elite here and China's leadership, not only have business deals been smoothed on the mainland, but major projects that now require both China's and the colonial government's go-ahead have been redrawn in favor of local tycoons.

Favors are also becoming part of the mix. China's new Foreign Ministry building here, where Beijing's highest-ranking official will sit when British sov-

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# Boutros Ghali On Sidelines, Africans Open UN Search

*The Associated Press*

UNITED NATIONS, New York — The search for a new UN secretary-general shifted Thursday to a French-African summit meeting after Boutros Boutros Ghali suspended his candidacy in the face of unrelenting U.S. opposition.

Mr. Boutros Ghali said Wednesday he was suspending his candidacy for a second term, although the 74-year-old Egyptian remains an official candidate for re-election.

Supporters were urging him to maintain his candidacy. But sources close to Mr. Boutros Ghali said several strategies were under discussion, one of which called for the secretary-general to bow out with a farewell address to the UN General Assembly.

Western diplomats said the announcement paved the way for Africa to submit new candidates to the Security Council to keep the post from going to a non-African.

Africa, like Europe and other past leaders, maintains that it should get two consecutive terms for its representative for the post of secretary-general.

African diplomats said agreement on a candidate from their continent could emerge during a meeting of President Jacques Chirac of France and more than 20 African heads of state that opened on Thursday in the capital of Burkina Faso, Ouagadougou.

Regardless of whether an African candidate emerges, diplomatic sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said three names were expected to be sub-

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# A Zaire Without Mobutu

## Will He Ever Return? And Does It Matter?

By Howard W. French
*New York Times Service*

KINSHASA, Zaire — Since the beginning of a crisis six weeks ago, when a rebel force began capturing cities along this country's eastern border, no topic had been the source of more speculation among Zairians than when their longtime president would return home and what he would do to reverse the situation when he got here.

In recent days, however, with the news of one town after another falling to the rebels, many Zairians have begun to conclude that the country's leader, Mobutu Sese Seko, has become virtually irrelevant.

Instead, with no sign that the government has marshaled any effective resistance to the advancing rebels, the mood in the capital is one of growing uneasiness. Indications are mounting that Africa's second-largest country has begun to implode.

For weeks, close associates of the president have issued reports that Marshal Mobutu, 66, who has been convalescing in Europe after treatment for prostate cancer, would be returning "any day now." Marshal Mobutu's prime minister, Kengo wa Dondo, said at a recent news conference that the president would be home before the end of November.

Suddenly, however, with the situation in the field unraveling as the Zairian Army loots town after town before fleeing the advancing rebels, many of the same aides have begun to hint strongly that because of his delicate health and lack of international support, Marshal Mobutu may never come back.

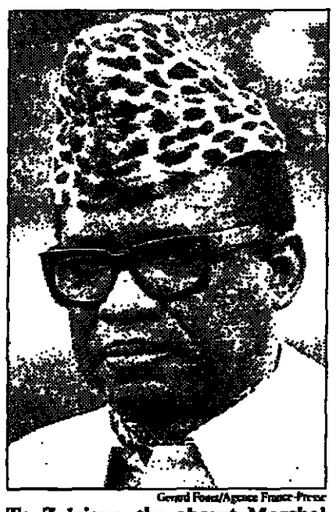
"If he returned home, it would have to be with a solution," a Zairian security official who is close to the president said. "But there is no solution, and Mobutu is very sick. How can he come back?"

Instead of the president's return, many here are now bracing for a series of decisive battles to control central Zaire and are expecting a period of intense intrigue in the capital as politicians and army generals jockey to fill the growing power vacuum.

Since Monday, the rebels, who go by the name Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of the Congo (Zaire),

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| Gabon | 1100 CFA | Senegal | 1,100 CFA |
| Greece | 350 Dr. | Spain | 225 PTAS |
| Italy | 2,800 Lire | Tunisia | 1,250 Din |
| Ivory Coast | 1,250 CFA | U.A.E. | 10.00 Dirh |
| Jordan | 1.250 JD | U.S. Mil. (Eur) | $1.20 |



Gerard Fouet/Agence France-Presse

To Zairians, the absent Marshal Mobutu has become irrelevant.

# 17 Koreans Flee North In Trek Across China

*Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches*

SEOUL — Seventeen North Koreans made an undercover journey across the length of China to Hong Kong in the biggest single defection from the Stalinist nation, Seoul officials said Thursday.

In a monthlong trek on what is becoming the most popular route for people fleeing North Korea, the group went from one safe house to another in China before sneaking into Hong Kong on Nov. 23. Their journey began on Oct. 26.

Foreign Ministry officials gave no assessment on the defection, but newspapers in Seoul quoted experts as saying that the growing number of North Koreans seeking to defect was an "alarming" signal to Seoul.

The group was helped by ethnic Koreans in China who were paid to act as guides by relatives of the escapees in the United States.

All but one of the 17, who included five children and a pregnant woman, were related, said a Foreign Ministry spokesman, Suh Dae Woon.

The other defector was a North Korean security official who helped the family escape.

The family was headed by Kim Kyong Ho, 62, a South Korean forcibly taken to the North during the Korean War, Mr. Shu said. He said all 17, who were now in a refugee camp in Hong Kong, had asked for asylum in South Korea.

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## AGENDA

### Clinton-Yeltsin Summit Planned

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Presidents Boris Yeltsin and Bill Clinton spoke by telephone Thursday and agreed to meet in March, a Kremlin spokesman said.

The summit talks will probably take place in the United States, the chief presidential spokesman, Sergei Yastrzhembsky, told the Interfax news agency. The White House later confirmed the announcement but did not specify the location.

The two leaders, who last met in Moscow in April during an international summit conference on nuclear safety, both expressed their satisfaction with efforts to develop relations, Interfax said.

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**The Dollar**

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*High School Madness* / **Passing on Tradition**

# *Where Football Is King, State Title Is a Crusade*

By Jere Longman
*New York Times Service*

BERWICK, Pennsylvania — The state championship game is this week, and people are leaving lucky pennies on the Catman's grave.

Ernest F. (Catman) Saracino gave the last years of his life entirely to the Berwick High Bulldogs, the high school football team here that will play Friday for its 40th consecutive victory, third straight state title and fifth crown in nine seasons under Coach George Curry. No school in the country has been more successful in the last decade. When Mr. Saracino died last May at age 81, he got the eternal season-ticket plan.

His gravestone took the shape of a football, and the lining of his casket was embroidered with a football, a helmet and the word that is barked proudly every autumn along the Susquehanna River in northeastern Pennsylvania, the word that is painted in blue and white on storefronts this week and can be found on banners and bedsheets hanging on front porches and displayed on the sign at Dunkin' Donuts: "*Dawgs*."

"Football meant a lot to him," said Bob Bower, 72, another fervent Bulldogs booster. "It may seem a little excessive. Depends on what you believe in."

Officially, Mr. Saracino was Berwick's equipment manager. But, in truth, he was like other elderly men who can be found in places where high school football is consuming and defining. He never missed a practice, much less a game. He drew his energy from the kids and, in return, he gave them his humor, his patient ear, his devotion. He sold roasted peanuts, too, and sometimes in practice, when Mr. Curry looked the other way, or pretended to, players would casually put their hands behind their backs and Mr. Saracino would slip them a snack.

Occasionally, someone will leave a few roasted peanuts on his gravestone. Peanuts and pennies for good luck.

All of Berwick's football characters are expected to make the three-hour trip west to Altoona for Friday's game. Siren Man will be there; so will Towel Man and Button Man. Maybe even Bulldog Betty Topper, who left town for 38 years and came back because Berwick is the kind of place where you can pull out a picture of yourself in a cheerleader's uniform from 1948 and find someone who will remember and be in the mood for a good story.

The Bulldogs (14-0, including playoffs) play six home games every season, and they draw crowds of 8,000 to 10,000 — remarkable considering Berwick's population is 10,976. At least 4,000 are expected to make the drive to Altoona. Tom Mason will be one of them.

Since 1988, he has missed just one game — the night last year when his daughter gave birth in Florida. Even then, he called home and had someone put a radio to the phone so he could listen for two hours as the Bulldogs did what they have done 71 times in the last 73 games: win.

Bob Bower is going, too. But at 72, he cannot afford to get too nervous or excited. Before every game, he takes a tranquilizer.

"I don't want to get that upset," Mr. Bower said. "The thing is, when you take one of those things, you don't care who wins. That's not good, either."

Football is family here, a tough game played by tough boys whose fathers and grandfathers have taught them the value of hard work.

This is a town of neat lawns and tidy clapboard houses. But it is also an ethnic, blue-collar place, like so many others with football traditions among Pennsylvania's industrial towns.

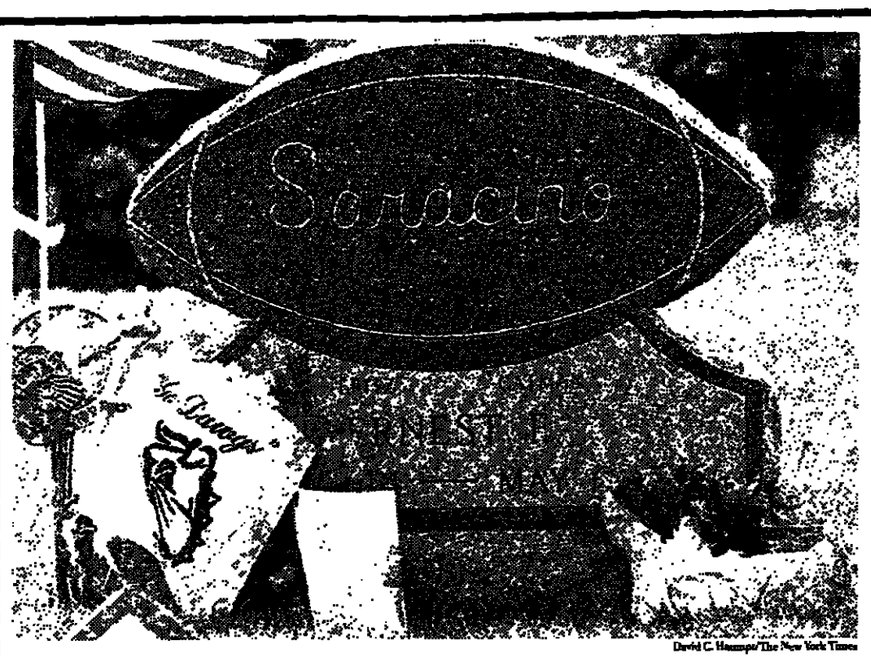
At the turn of the century, immigrants began arriving from Ireland, Italy, Germany, Poland and Ukraine to work at American Car & Foundry, which built railcars and New York subway cars in peacetime and light tanks during war. Now, football victories roll off the assembly line the way the railroad cars once did.

"Kids were instilled with the work ethic of their parents," said Steve Mihaly, a teacher who played tackle on the 1964 team. "They knew that if they were going to succeed, they had to work hard and that if you put in a good day's work, you'd be rewarded whether it was on the job or on the football field."

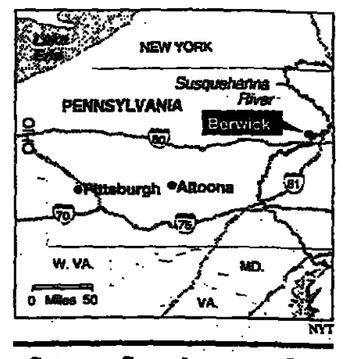
The football tradition here is handed down like an heirloom from father to son and brother to brother, cousin to cousin, neighbor to neighbor. Fourteen of the DiPippa boys have played for Berwick. 10 DiPasquales, 9 DeFebos, 8 Laubachs, 7 Melitos, 6 Pruitts and Melchiorres. Mr. Curry is coaching the sons of players he coached after he got here 26 years ago. Three of his four varsity coaches played for him. In other places, kids dream about playing for Penn State or the Philadelphia Eagles. Here they long to be a Berwick Bulldog.

"It's a privilege to be part of the team," said James Henrie, a sophomore guard. "You're, like, famous."

In the autumn, entire families' lives orbit around football. In previous years, the Bulldogs scheduled home games on Saturdays. Mr. Curry used to get phone calls from parents wanting to know which days Berwick would be away the next season.



David C. Hampp/The New York Times



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**Catman Saracino gave the last years of his life entirely to the Berwick Bulldogs. The most successful American high school football team in the last decade, the Bulldogs defend their Pennsylvania state title Friday.**

"Then you'd hear in the background, 'O.K., you can get married that weekend, they're playing out of town,' " he said.

The Bulldogs have a video history and a home page on the Internet. For $47.95, you can own a commemorative plaque featuring a sketch of Mr. Curry: "Berwick's living legend." On a good night at home games, the booster club does $2,000 in merchandising business. Berwick sold 2,200 season tickets this autumn. Every game is a show, complete with fireworks.

Ask the locals why football is so big here, and they give several variations of a familiar theme: It brings people together. It makes you proud to be from someplace. Sometimes they laugh and say there is nothing else to do here but play football, hunt and drink.

But the locals bristle at the convenient, familiar theory that football is a sort of Heimlich maneuver that is saving a town choking on its industrial decline.

First of all, Berwick is not dying. It is not a grim mill town. Sure, it has the habitual problems of aging industrial towns and cities. American Car & Foundry pulled out in 1962, and the flame at the foundry across the street from Crispin Field is a mere flicker of the great fire that once burned, employing 10,000 people during World War II. Jobs have come back, but not wages. Young people move out to earn a living. The five-and-dime is moving to a mall. Hopes that the local manufactured housing company will expand are balanced by fear that it will relocate.

But downtown is bustling, and people have begun to renovate properties. Berwick has diversified, rather than sit around and rust. The town's most imposing structure is not a dormant smokestack but the cooling towers from a nuclear power plant.

The locals approach football with a sense of enthusiasm for the future, not despair about the past. If there are lowered expectations for many adults, there are none for their children. The town has invested heavily in its youth through sports. The girls' basketball team is a contender for the state championship. The boys' soccer team just won its division. The cross-country team is a perennial power. The girls' softball team has won its district three years in a row.

Football, being more equal than the others, is king, of course.

In Berwick, 500 youths play football from midget leagues to the high school level. They have been playing football at the high school since 1888. The 1941 team finished 11-0 and gave up only 18 points. But sustained dominance did not begin until Mr. Curry arrived in 1971.

He is a bulldog of a man, profane, religious, given to strict rules and no nonsense. Players have a 10 o'clock curfew on school nights. A sign in the weight room says: "No earrings are allowed in here. This is a men's locker room."

This strict, conservative approach does not apply to Berwick's style of play. The Bulldogs employ a pro-style offense. Players spend an enormous amount of time in the weight room. Manny Henrie, a senior guard who can bench-press 500 pounds (225 kilograms), may be the strongest high school player in America. To his players' strength, Mr. Curry adds an acute ability to judge talent and a gift of motivation.

The numbers speak for themselves. Mr. Curry is the winningest high school coach in the state. His record over 30 seasons is 298-61-5, including 275-51-4 at Berwick. He won state championship titles in 1988, 1992, 1994 and 1995. More than 100 of his players have received college scholarships. The team has even visited the White House.

Not everyone is in lock-step support of Berwick football. Some believe that Mr. Curry has grown power-hungry, or money-hungry, with his success and his $50,000 salary. Others whisper that there is too much emphasis on football, at the expense of academics and other sports. In 1989, Mr. Curry went too far after a tough loss in the state championship game, and he was placed on probation by the state high school athletic association for berating the game officials.

Support for him and his players is broad and genuine. Mothers of the players cook food for the Bulldogs to eat after road games, and they decorate the stadium. A local factory donates the blue and white ribbons that seem to decorate every tree and post and parking meter. On Friday, game day, workers in the banks, the Wise potato chip factory, the power plant, the ribbon factory and the Heinz pet food plant wear blue and white in solidarity with the team.

The players are approaching Friday's game with a sense of accomplishment, relief and sadness. The seniors know they will do what Mr. Powlus did when he played his final game. He sat in the locker room and cried.

Before this final game, Manny, the guard, will visit the Catman, as he has before every game this season.

"He was our spiritual leader," he said. "I miss him. We all miss him."

# Life Is Better in Abidjan, Despite All the Hardships

By James Rupert
*Washington Post Service*

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — In this humid port city, popular complaints about life these days focus on the extent to which either things or people work. For thousands of wealthy expatriates, too little does. For millions of poorer Africans, too few do.

Still, more than any other city in West Africa, Abidjan works. The evidence is that foreigners keep coming — enough to make Abidjan West Africa's most cosmopolitan city.

Tens of thousands of Europeans, Asians and Americans are in Abidjan to do business. The demand for luxury villas in the suburbs where these foreigners live has risen by as much as 50 percent in the past two years, real estate agents say. And hundreds of thousands of Africans — mostly from Burkina Faso, Mali, Guinea and Niger — have come to seek work as manual laborers, servants or petty traders. Their demand for housing, in poor neighborhoods or outlying shantytowns, has risen as well.

There is a foreign middle class, too. As in many West African cities, most small shops seem to be owned and managed by Lebanese, and there are Indian and Vietnamese businesses, as well.

In Abidjan, the foreigners say, making a profit or even a living wage is difficult — but still a lot easier than elsewhere in West Africa.

"To do business here, you have to learn to operate differently than in America," said Mike Phillips, a transplanted Californian who heads operations here for Comstar, an American cellular phone company. Comstar's ninth-floor suite of offices was sufficiently comfortable — in Abidjan, this means air-conditioned — that Mr. Phillips and his colleagues easily bustled about wearing ties.

"It takes three months to get a residency card and six months to get a license plate for your car," Mr. Phillips said. Still, "you can do it," he said. "It's a lot worse in most of Central and West Africa than here."

"Life here is not easy, but it's better than at home."

Mr. Traore added hopefully: "Myself, I am just staying here while I try to find a way to get to America. Do you know how I can get an invitation letter from there for a visa?"

In the separate places where Abidjan's upper and lower immigrant classes gather, the only common topic of conversation seems to be the observation that the dry season is proving to be unusually wet this year. Around swimming pools and at expensive restaurants, there is talk of potholed roads, bad telephone service and crime — with observations that things at least are better here than in Lagos or Kinshasa. People wait months — or indefinitely — for telephone lines, but there are guarded hopes that this may improve.

**Foreigners say that making a profit is difficult in Abidjan, but still easier than elsewhere in West Africa.**

Far below Mr. Phillips's office, immigrant Africans say much the same of Abidjan. On a November day that felt like August in Washington, Mohammed Traore, a single Guinean in his 20s, piloted a taxi through the jammed streets. The car's windows were open to admit every lukewarm puff of air. At each stoplight, knots of young men leaned in, hawking an impressive array of watches, calculators, clothes and the occasional telephone answering machine.

"A lot of them come from Nigeria, for the same reason I came from Guinea," Mr. Traore said. And for the same reason that an estimated 2 million or more immigrant Africans live in Ivory Coast.

"We just want to make money, to have a life and get married," he said.

In October, after long delays, three foreign firms — Mr. Phillips's Comstar and two French rivals — were permitted to start cellular telephone services. Suddenly, the phones and advertisements for them were everywhere in Abidjan.

At one cellular phone firm, a French businessman hurriedly signed up, saying he had lost his regular telephone line when he tried to have it moved to a newly rented apartment.

"They disconnected the line at my old apartment and then told me it was unavailable to be reconnected," he said. "I think they either want a bribe, or they sold the line to someone else."

Last week, the company moved to crack down on late-paying customers and, perhaps because of overly zealous computer software, cut off many customers downtown and in the suburbs — including the U.S. Embassy and other U.S. government facilities.

Such matters get no apparent attention from African immigrants, who gather in marketplaces or at open-air restaurants called *maquis*. In such places, the frequent question is whether Ivorian politics is taking an anti-immigrant turn. Under its founding president, Felix Houphouet-Boigny, Ivory Coast kept its doors open for immigrants looking for work. For decades, unemployed people from Burkina Faso and other neighboring countries have provided the labor for Ivory Coast's huge cocoa and coffee harvests and for whatever menial tasks Ivorians have chosen to avoid.

Since Mr. Houphouet-Boigny's death in 1994, however, politicians have increased public discussion of what it means to be Ivorian and what political and economic rights immigrants should have. The electoral code has been changed to require officeholders to show that their grandparents and parents were Ivorian — even though such forebears may have predated the existence of that national label.

"Immigrants want to be able to stay," Mr. Traore said, "but now that is more in question than in the past."

## TRAVEL UPDATE

### Miami Budget Crunch

MIAMI (Reuters) — The mayor of Dade County in Florida sought Thursday to reassure potential visitors that Miami's financial mess has not affected the larger metropolitan area and its tourism-dependent economy.

The city has a $68-million budget deficit. It forced Governor Lawton Chiles to declare a financial emergency and appoint a panel to oversee the recovery from crippling mismanagement.

The mayor of Dade County, Alex Penelas, said: "I'm very concerned with the national and international headlines. For the national and international community, there is no difference between Miami and Miami Beach and Dade County."

He said Miami International Airport, the Port of Miami, the public hospital and the tourist police program were all run by the county and were unaffected by Miami's budget crunch.

### False Alarm in Venice

VENICE (AFP) — The airport in Venice was closed for 40 minutes Thursday because of a suspicious suitcase on an Alitalia plane, the police said. A search revealed that the bag, on a flight arriving from Paris and bound for Milan, contained only personal items.

**Finnair will begin flying to Dublin** via Stockholm starting May 1 on a code-sharing basis with Aer Lingus of Ireland. *(AFX)*

# *Air Turbulence Over Colorado Hurts 16 on Jet*

*The Associated Press*

SALT LAKE CITY — An American Airlines jetliner ran into severe turbulence over Colorado on Thursday, injuring at least 16 persons, including a 7-month-old baby, officials said.

"It just slammed me into the ceiling. It was like someone had planted a bomb under the seat," said Chris Richey, 33, a passenger who suffered a neck injury and bruised head.

Fourteen passengers and two crew members aboard Flight 1351 from Dallas-Fort Worth to Salt Lake City were injured, said John Hotard, a spokesman for the airline. Another flight also ran into turbulence in the region, and a flight attendant was injured, he said.

Mr. Hotard said there were no storms in the area but there had been reports of turbulence and the seat belt sign was on at the time. The pilot and co-pilot, wearing seat belts, were not injured.

Victor White, director of air operations at Salt Lake International Airport, said the injured had suffered head, neck or back injuries and lacerations. Ambulances took 11 to hospitals.

The injured child was reported in stable condition with a head injury that was not considered serious.

The plane, a twin-engine MD-80, with 69 passengers and five crew members aboard, was over Alamosa, Colorado, when it ran into the turbulence.

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# *A Mighty Bank Book*

*Agence France-Presse*

OSLO — A Norwegian woman mistakenly traveled across Europe using her bank book as a passport, but customs officials never noticed the difference, the Telemark daily said Thursday.

Berith Andersen, of Skien in southern Norway, packed what she thought was her passport when she left for a bus trip through Germany, Austria and Italy this summer.

Customs officials in the three countries never questioned the red booklet — emblazoned with Norway's coat of arms and filled with official-looking stamps denoting deposits and withdrawals and a balance of 74 kroner ($11) — even though it contained no photo of Miss Andersen.

She never realized her mistake, and when the time came for a charter trip to the Canary Islands in November, she again packed the bank book.

Miss Anderson finally noticed her error as she prepared to leave Spain. Customs officials examined the booklet closely and flipped back and forth looking in vain for a photograph, but seemed to be satisfied the document was official and let her through.

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## WEATHER

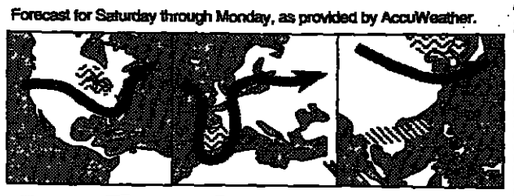
**Europe**

| | Today High | Today Low | Tomorrow High | Tomorrow Low |
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| | C/F | C/F | C/F | C/F |
| Algarve | 12/53 | 7/44 pc | 12/53 | 5/41 pc |
| Amsterdam | 6/43 | 5/43 r | 8/46 | 6/43 c |
| Ankara | 10/50 | 3/37 sh | 7/44 | 1/31 sh |
| Athens | 15/59 | 9/48 pc | 15/59 | 9/48 pc |
| Barcelona | 10/50 | 6/43 r | 10/50 | 4/39 c |
| Belgrade | 9/48 | 2/35 pc | 9/48 | 2/35 pc |
| Berlin | 5/41 | 0/32 pc | 7/44 | 4/39 c |
| Brussels | 7/44 | 6/43 r | 8/46 | 6/43 c |
| Budapest | 8/46 | 4/39 c | 8/46 | 4/39 pc |
| Copenhagen | 5/41 | 3/37 sh | 4/39 | 4/39 r |
| Costa Del Sol | 9/48 | 7/44 sh | 10/50 | 3/37 sh |
| Dublin | 7/44 | 7/44 pc | 11/52 | 11/52 r |
| Edinburgh | 4/39 | 2/35 c | 8/46 | 8/46 r |
| Florence | 11/52 | 9/48 sh | 12/53 | 7/44 r |
| Frankfurt | 6/43 | 3/37 pc | 8/43 | 3/37 pc |
| Geneva | 8/43 | 3/37 c | 8/46 | 3/37 sh |
| Helsinki | 2/36 | -1/31 sn | 2/36 | -3/27 c |
| Istanbul | 11/52 | 7/44 sh | 11/52 | 7/44 sh |
| Las Palmas | 19/84 | 14/57 pc | 18/64 | 14/57 pc |
| Lisbon | 9/48 | 8/42 c | 11/52 | 5/41 pc |
| London | 8/46 | 4/39 c | 8/46 | 7/44 c |
| Madrid | 10/50 | 2/35 c | 7/44 | -3/29 c |
| Mallorca | 8/46 | 8/46 r | 9/48 | 5/41 c |
| Milan | 6/43 | 4/39 sh | 7/44 | 3/37 r |
| Moscow | 3/37 | -2/29 pc | 1/34 | -1/31 sn |
| Munich | 5/46 | -1/31 pc | 7/44 | 2/35 sh |
| Nice | 12/53 | 11/52 sh | 14/57 | 8/46 r |
| Oslo | 6/43 | 2/36 c | -1/31 | -1/31 c |
| Paris | 11/52 | 6/43 c | 7/44 | 4/39 c |
| Prague | 6/43 | 1/34 c | 6/43 | 2/35 pc |
| Reykjavik | 2/35 | -2/29 sf | 2/35 | -3/27 c |
| Rome | 13/55 | 8/46 c | 14/57 | 9/48 r |
| St. Petersburg | 4/39 | -1/31 c | 2/35 | -3/29 pc |
| Stockholm | 2/35 | -3/27 sn | 3/37 | -1/31 c |
| Strasbourg | 9/48 | 5/41 c | 10/50 | 5/41 c |
| Tallinn | 3/35 | 0/32 sn | 2/36 | -3/27 c |
| Venice | 10/50 | 4/39 pc | 9/48 | 4/39 sh |
| Vienna | 4/39 | -2/29 pc | 8/46 | 4/39 pc |
| Warsaw | 3/37 | -2/29 pc | 8/43 | 2/35 pc |
| Zurich | 6/46 | 4/39 c | 9/48 | 4/39 c |

**Middle East**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abu Dhabi | 26/79 | 12/63 s | 25/77 | 13/55 s |
| Beirut | 19/66 | 14/57 sh | 18/64 | 13/55 sh |
| Cairo | 17/62 | 11/52 pc | 19/66 | 11/52 pc |
| Damascus | 12/53 | 8/46 sh | 13/55 | 4/39 pc |
| Jerusalem | 13/55 | 8/46 pc | 13/55 | 8/43 sh |
| Luxor | 23/73 | 8/43 s | 24/75 | 8/43 s |
| Riyadh | 24/75 | 9/48 s | 24/75 | 9/48 s |

Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by AccuWeather.


Jetstream · Unseasonably Cold · Unseasonably Hot · Heavy Rain · Heavy Snow

**North America**
A weak storm will bring mixed rain and snow to the Northeast Saturday night into early Sunday, then partly sunny and cold through Monday. New England may have some rain and snow Sunday as the storm strengthens off the coast. Dry and cold across the Midwest through the period.

**Europe**
London to Paris and Berlin will be mostly cloudy and cool with showers Saturday, then turning milder with some sun Sunday and Monday. Most of Spain will be cloudy and chilly with showers Saturday, then dry with slowly recovering temperatures into Monday.

**Asia**
Sunny and very cold in Seoul Saturday, but not as cold by Monday. Dry and chilly in Beijing, while Tokyo will be partly sunny and turning milder. Shanghai will also be quite chilly Saturday despite sunshine; temperatures will slowly climb from the single digits to the low teens.

**North America**

| | Today High | Today Low | Tomorrow High | Tomorrow Low |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | C/F | C/F | C/F | C/F |
| Anchorage | -1/30 | -17/2 pc | -8/18 | -11/13 c |
| Atlanta | 17/62 | 7/44 pc | 12/53 | 0/32 c |
| Boston | 4/39 | -1/31 r | 4/39 | 1/34 sh |
| Chicago | 2/35 | -3/27 c | 3/37 | -5/22 c |
| Dallas | 21/70 | 6/43 s | 18/61 | 1/34 s |
| Denver | 7/44 | -9/15 s | 8/46 | -4/25 pc |
| Detroit | 2/35 | -1/31 c | 3/37 | -4/25 sf |
| Honolulu | 26/79 | 17/62 pc | 28/79 | 17/62 pc |
| Houston | 24/75 | 13/55 s | 19/66 | 5/41 pc |
| Los Angeles | 20/68 | 8/46 pc | 21/70 | 10/50 pc |
| Miami | 26/79 | 19/66 sh | 27/80 | 18/64 pc |
| Minneapolis | 1/34 | -7/20 c | -1/31 | -8/18 pc |
| Montreal | -1/31 | -5/24 sn | -9/20 | -10/15 sn |
| Nassau | 27/80 | 19/66 f | 27/80 | 20/68 pc |
| New York | 6/43 | 1/34 sh | 8/46 | 1/34 c |
| Orlando | 24/75 | 13/55 s | 24/75 | 12/53 pc |
| Phoenix | 20/68 | 8/46 pc | 20/68 | 10/50 pc |
| San Fran. | 16/61 | 8/46 sh | 16/61 | 10/50 pc |
| Seattle | 8/46 | 3/37 sn | 8/46 | 4/39 sh |
| Toronto | 4/39 | -1/31 sn | -1/31 | -9/16 c |
| Vancouver | 6/43 | 2/35 sh | 8/46 | 2/35 sh |
| Washington | 7/44 | 1/34 sh | 7/44 | 1/34 pc |

**Asia**

| | Today High | Today Low | Tomorrow High | Tomorrow Low |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | C/F | C/F | C/F | C/F |
| Bali | 32/89 | 24/75 t | 32/89 | 23/73 t |
| Bangkok | 30/86 | 24/75 pc | 24/75 | 19/66 sh |
| Beijing | 0/32 | -9/16 pc | 3/37 | -3/27 pc |
| Bombay | 31/88 | 17/62 s | 29/84 | 19/66 s |
| Calcutta | 28/78 | 18/61 pc | 27/80 | 14/57 pc |
| Chiang Mai | 28/82 | 17/62 c | 25/77 | 17/62 sh |
| Colombo | 29/84 | 21/70 s | 29/84 | 21/70 pc |
| Hanoi | 19/66 | 12/53 pc | 19/66 | 14/57 pc |
| Ho Chi Minh | 29/84 | 24/75 r | 31/88 | 23/73 t |
| Hong Kong | 17/62 | 11/52 pc | 17/62 | 13/55 pc |
| Islamabad | 18/64 | 4/39 s | 18/64 | -1/31 s |
| Jakarta | 29/84 | 25/77 t | 29/84 | 24/75 t |
| Karachi | 27/80 | 8/46 s | 28/82 | 9/48 s |
| K. Lumpur | 31/88 | 24/75 t | 31/88 | 23/73 sh |
| K. Kinabalu | 29/82 | 22/71 r | 29/82 | 23/73 t |
| Manila | 30/86 | 24/75 pc | 30/86 | 22/71 sh |
| New Delhi | 25/77 | 9/43 s | 24/75 | 4/39 s |
| Phnom Penh | 29/82 | 23/73 t | 27/80 | 23/73 sh |
| Phuket | 30/86 | 24/75 pc | 24/75 | 19/66 sh |
| Rangoon | 32/89 | 23/73 pc | 25/77 | 19/66 sh |
| Seoul | -4/25 | -9/16 sn | -3/27 | -7/20 s |
| Shanghai | 4/39 | -5/23 s | 6/43 | -1/31 s |
| Singapore | 30/86 | 23/73 t | 29/84 | 23/73 t |
| Taipei | 18/61 | 9/48 pc | 18/61 | 12/53 pc |
| Tokyo | 11/52 | -1/31 s | 8/46 | 1/34 s |
| Vientiane | 19/66 | 12/53 pc | 19/66 | 14/57 pc |

**Africa**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Algiers | 16/61 | 8/43 c | 18/61 | 4/39 pc |
| Cape Town | 23/73 | 11/52 s | 24/75 | 13/55 s |
| Casablanca | 11/52 | 7/44 sh | 11/52 | 3/37 sh |
| Harare | 29/84 | 9/48 s | 29/84 | 9/48 s |
| Lagos | 31/88 | 22/71 pc | 30/86 | 22/71 pc |
| Nairobi | 22/80 | 13/55 pc | 25/79 | 13/55 sh |
| Tunis | 22/71 | 11/52 s | 20/68 | 8/46 c |

**Latin America**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Buenos Aires | 22/71 | 17/62 pc | 22/71 | 12/53 pc |
| Caracas | 29/84 | 21/70 pc | 29/84 | 22/72 pc |
| Lima | 23/73 | 17/62 pc | 24/75 | 16/64 pc |
| Mexico City | 21/70 | 9/48 c | 21/70 | 7/44 pc |
| Rio de Janeiro | 31/88 | 23/73 pc | 28/82 | 21/70 pc |
| Santiago | 27/80 | 7/44 s | 25/77 | 7/44 s |

**Oceania**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Auckland | 16/61 | 8/46 pc | 16/61 | 10/50 pc |
| Sydney | 29/84 | 22/71 pc | 25/77 | 17/62 t |

Legend: s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, Hcs, W-Weather. All maps, forecasts and data provided by AccuWeather, Inc. © 1996

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## THE AMERICAS

# Records on Chemical Arms in Gulf War Are Incomplete, Pentagon Admits

By Philip Shenon
*New York Times Service*

WASHINGTON — Military logs for an eight-day period in which thousands of American troops might have been exposed to nerve gas and other Iraqi chemical weapons shortly after the Gulf War in 1991 appear to have been removed or lost and cannot be located despite an exhaustive search, Pentagon officials said.

The logs were maintained for General H. Norman Schwarzkopf and his senior staff at their wartime headquarters in Riyadh, the Saudi Arabian capital, and were supposed to record any incident in which chemical or biological agents had been detected.

There are several mysterious gaps in the otherwise meticulous combat logs. The gaps include the period in early March 1991 in which American combat engineers blew up the sprawling Kamisiyah ammunition depot in southern Iraq, an event that might have exposed thousands of American troops to nerve gas.

Because the portions made public so far show that American commanders received and disregarded several reports of chemical detections during the war, the logs are considered vital evidence by ailing Gulf War veterans who believe that their health was damaged by exposure to Iraqi chemical or biological weapons.

The gaps have only added to the suspicion among veterans that the Pentagon is hiding information that would explain their health problems. Government studies show that while Gulf War veterans have not died or been hospitalized at unusual rates, they are reporting serious health problems, including digestive ailments and chronic fatigue, at rates far higher than troops who did not serve in the Gulf.

"This was the historical record of what was supposedly the brightest moment in the last 50 years of American military history, and now they say they've misplaced part of the historical record?" said James Tuite 3d, who led a Senate investigation of Gulf War illnesses in 1993 and 1994 and who is now working with veterans groups. "That's very hard to believe."

General Schwarzkopf, now retired, has not responded to repeated requests for an interview in recent months. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the war, General Colin Powell, also retired, said Monday that chemical alarms sounded repeatedly during the war, but that American commanders in the Gulf were unable to confirm them and considered them to be false.

The Defense Department, which at one time had denied to Congress that such combat logs even existed, released them last year to a Georgia veterans group that sought them under the Freedom of Information Act.

When the veterans group noted that several pages concerning key dates seemed to be missing, the Pentagon acknowledged that there were gaps and said earlier this year that it would investigate.

Pentagon officials said that the investigation, which included a careful search of Gulf War military records stored in Suitland, Maryland, by the National Archives had not turned up additional pages from the logs.

"From our perspective, we've done what we can do," said Lieutenant Colonel Nino Fabiano, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Florida, the arm of the Defense Department that conducted the war under the command of General Schwarzkopf.

The Defense Department said that investigators working for its special Gulf War team at the Pentagon were continuing to search for missing pages from the logs, and that they were trying to interview Central Command officers who had control of the logs during the war.

"The books haven't been closed on this yet," said Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon spokesman, "but I can say that we're not any further along because we haven't found any additional log pages."

Despite initial suggestions from the Defense Department that there might simply never have been any log entries for the periods in which there are gaps, officials said Pentagon investigators believe that some pages are indeed missing.

"Through our preliminary investigation we can determine that there were more entries made than we have logs for," Mr. Whitman said.

"We're trying to determine how many more logs there might be, and how they might have been lost," he continued.

Even a brief inspection of the logs made public so far suggests that some pages must have been lost or destroyed. On the days for which logs exist, there are meticulous, almost minute-by-minute typewritten entries, and it would be remarkable that on other days, the officers in charge of the logs would simply fail to record any entries at all.

# *Nuclear Threat Wasn't 'Politicized'*

## Panel Rebuts Republican Charges

By Tim Weiner
*New York Times Service*

WASHINGTON — An independent panel of experts has rebutted Republican accusations that the nation's intelligence agencies deliberately played down the nuclear threat to the United States.

The panel said a 1995 intelligence study showing no clear and present danger of a deliberate nuclear attack on the continental United States was not politically skewed in order to subvert efforts to build a "Star Wars" missile defense system now.

The accusation that the nation's intelligence services tailored the report to please the Clinton administration, which wants to study missile defenses more closely before building them, infuriated senior intelligence analysts. It also inflamed supporters of the Star Wars system, which was conceived during the Reagan administration as a complex network of missiles designed to shoot down enemy warheads in flight. The system, on which nearly $40 billion was spent, has never been built.

The panel, led by Robert Gates, who served as director of central intelligence under President George Bush, also said, however, that the study was "foolish" and "politically naive" in that it understated the possibility that North Korea could build a nuclear missile capable of hitting Alaska or Hawaii by 2010.

As the panel presented its conclusions to the Senate Intelligence Committee on Wednesday, the recently retired commander of the nation's nuclear arsenal called for "the complete elimination of nuclear weapons." Sixty former military commanders from around the world issued a similar plea Thursday.

At the heart of Wednesday's statements are questions that have haunted American military and intelligence experts for decades: How great is the threat of a nuclear attack on the United States? How best to reduce it? Should the nation build a missile defense system to ward off that threat? Could such a system work?

The CIA and other intelligence agencies concluded in a major study last year that no hostile nation capable of building a nuclear weapon — like North Korea or Iraq — will pose a nuclear threat to the continental United States in the next 15 years. Republicans in Congress who want to build a Star Wars system now asserted that the White House had slanted the study. They demanded that an independent panel review it.

"The panel found no evidence of politicization," Mr. Gates testified. "There was no breach of the integrity of the intelligence process. Beyond this, the panel believes that unsubstantiated allegations challenging the integrity of intelligence community analysts by those who simply disagree with their conclusions, including members of Congress, are irresponsible."

But the panel, which included nuclear and military experts who have served both Republican and Democratic presidents, also criticized the intelligence community's faith in an international arms control agreement, the Missile Technology Control Regime, to stop the spread of nuclear weapons technology. And it found that the study might be "overly sanguine" about the threat of an unauthorized nuclear attack.

The intelligence community stands by the study, said John McLaughlin, vice chairman of the National Intelligence Council, the interagency group that wrote the report. "Unauthorized launch of Chinese or Russian missiles remains, in our view, a remote possibility," he said.



Daniel Rae Morris/The Associated Press

**SIGN OF THE TIMES — Residents hanging a sign from a New Orleans balcony, after a wave of violent crime.**

# *Hawaii Ruling Buoys Same-Sex Parents*

By Carey Goldberg
*New York Times Service*

NEW YORK — The ruling was about same-sex marriage. But in what some are calling the biggest show trial yet on gay parenting, the deciding factor was the issue of whether same-sex couples make good moms and dads.

The judgment was, emphatically, that they do.

When Circuit Court Judge Kevin Chang ruled Tuesday in Honolulu that Hawaii must issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, he moved the state to the brink of allowing gay men and lesbians to wed. He put the order on hold Wednesday, pending an appeal next year to the state Supreme Court.

The judge's 46-page decision hinged on the state's failure to convince him that it was necessarily worse for a child to be raised by parents of the same sex than by a heterosexual couple.

On the contrary, he wrote, the evidence of both sides "establishes that the single most important factor in the development of a happy, healthy and well-adjusted child is the nurturing relationship between parent and child."

Because Judge Chang ruled so definitively that the sexual orientation of parents had no bearing on the quality of their parenting, some advocates of homosexual rights said Wednesday that they believed the decision could indirectly influence court battles in which gay parents seek custody of their children — battles that are still being decided with widely varying outcomes in different parts of the country.

"I think this is the most ringing endorsement yet by a court of gay and lesbian parenting," said Matt Coles, director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union. "The delicious irony here is that the right wing forced this to be a case about parenting and got it right smack between the eyes with an opinion that said gay and lesbian couples can be nurturing and supportive."

Conservative opponents of gay marriage accused the lawyers for the state of Hawaii of throwing the case by choosing not to put forth the most convincing studies and arguments available. The state lawyers were required to show a "compelling state interest" in continuing to ban same-sex marriages: the central argument they chose was that the ban served children's interests.

A mounting body of research by sociologists and psychologists has contributed to a scientific consensus that children of homosexual parents are no more likely to grow up troubled or homosexual than other children.

Citing those studies, Judge Chang ruled that the state had failed to prove that sanctioning same-sex marriages "will probably result in significant differences in the development or outcomes of children raised by gay or lesbian parents."

Going a step further, Judge Chang wrote that allowing same-sex marriage would help the children of homosexual couples because "they may obtain certain protections and benefits that come with or become available as a result of marriage."

Among the benefits that same-sex spouses could claim if they could marry are access to family health insurance and rights related to divorce and inheritance. Marriage would also guarantee that one partner would not lose custody of the children if the other partner died.

For same-sex couples who might fly to Hawaii to marry, however, such benefits would not transfer automatically across state lines. Each state is expected to decide whether it will recognize same-sex marriages, and a new federal law withholds federal tax, pension and other benefits for gay spouses.

## POLITICAL NOTES

### *No Independent Counsel For Immigration Allegations*

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has rejected a congressional request for an independent counsel to look into a controversial naturalization program, saying there was no credible evidence that the president, vice president or other high-ranking officials participated in possible federal offenses connected to it.

At the same time, the department said it would tighten the process by which immigrants become naturalized citizens and continue its investigation of the program.

The request for an independent counsel was made Nov. 1 by Representative Bill Zeliff, Republican of New Hampshire, chairman of the national security, international affairs and criminal justice subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and four Republican colleagues.

They charged that the Citizenship USA program, which naturalized a record 1 million immigrants in fiscal 1996, had been "corrupted by a reckless drive for political gain" in the Nov. 5 elections and that large numbers of "violent criminals" had been sworn in as new citizens. *(WP)*

### *Court Weighs 'Fusion Tickets'*

WASHINGTON — New York voters take for granted the fact that candidates can appear on the ballot as the nominees of more than one party at a time. But such "fusion tickets" are an anomaly elsewhere in the country and in fact are prohibited in most states.

The Supreme Court heard arguments Wednesday on whether those prohibitions violate the First Amendment rights of free speech and association.

The case before the court was from Minnesota, where a ban on fusion tickets that dates to the turn of the century prevented the Twin Cities Area New Party from giving its nomination two years ago to a state legislator who had already accepted renomination by the Democratic-Farmer Labor Party. A U.S. appeals court in St. Louis declared the ban unconstitutional early this year.

The justices appeared skeptical of the defense of the ban put forward by Richard Slowes, assistant solicitor general of Minnesota, who argued the state's appeal. Mr. Slowes said the ban served the state's interest of preventing confusion among voters.

"You have to be pretty dense to be confused on this one," Justice John Paul Stevens said. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, referring to the New York experience, said, "At least one state has a lot of experience with fusion candidates, without a lot of confusion."

That led Justice Antonin Scalia, the only member of the court other than Justice Ginsburg with New York roots, to quip, "New Yorkers are smarter." *(NYT)*

### *Quote/Unquote*

James Carville, President Bill Clinton's former chief strategist, who created an uproar with a planned ad campaign to discredit Kenneth Starr, the special prosecutor investigating Whitewater, saying that he might not follow through with it after all: "If he wants to conduct this thing in a full-time, professional manner, then I'll give him the leeway to do that. If he wants to give political speeches, and represent enemies of the president, then I'll fight fire with fire." *(NYT)*

## Away From Politics

• Cloudy skies in Florida forced Mission Control to postpone by 24 hours the planned homecoming of the space shuttle Columbia. The shuttle's crew of five were minutes away from firing braking rockets to begin their descent when controllers called off the landing. *(Reuters)*

• Scientists have identified two genes that cause a variant of the most common kind of diabetes, a finding that might lead to new treatment. The work "opens up a whole new pathway that has to be explored" for understanding diabetes, said Graeme Bell, a professor at the University of Chicago. *(AP)*

• The chancellor of New York's schools, Rudy Crew, has proposed that the city adopt national education standards that would change what children are expected to learn and how their achievement would be measured in English, math and science. *(NYT)*

• A doctor who injected a terminally ill cancer patient with a lethal dose of drugs has been charged with first-degree murder. Dr. Ernesto Pinzon of Sebring, Florida, was arrested in the death of Rosario Gurrieri. He was freed on bond. *(NYT)*

# Simpson Jury Is Cautioned About 'Nicole's' Call

*The Associated Press*

SANTA MONICA, California — The judge in the O. J. Simpson civil trial told jurors Thursday that testimony about a call to a battered-women's hot line from "Nicole" could not be taken as evidence that Mr. Simpson had threatened or stalked his former wife.

Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki issued his second special instruction of the wrongful death trial to deal with a controversial ruling allowing evidence potentially harmful to Mr. Simpson.

He told the jury that the testimony given Wednesday by a women's shelter worker, Nancy Ney, could be considered only to determine what Nicole Brown Simpson may have been feeling at the time — and not what Mr. Simpson himself was doing.

Ms. Ney testified that a woman who identified herself as Nicole, and who had the same personal history as Mrs. Simpson, called five days before Mrs. Simpson's murder to say she was being stalked and threatened by her former husband.

"The testimony is received only to show her state of mind and to explain her conduct," the judge said. "The jury must not consider the substance of statements to Nancy Ney as evidence of any event or whether such events occurred."

The defense had objected to allowing Ms. Ney's testimony, contending that it was hearsay and that the caller's identity was not certain because the caller never gave her last name. This evidence was not allowed in the criminal trial, and legal analysts said that Judge Fujisaki's ruling allowing the testimony could give Mr. Simpson grounds for appeal if he loses the wrongful death suit.

The judge said Mrs. Simpson's state of mind was relevant because it could explain what she may have said or done at a dance recital just hours before her murder. Mr. Simpson was at the recital.

This week the judge gave a special instruction dealing with the plaintiffs' mentioning that Mr. Simpson had failed a lie-detector test. The judge had allowed questioning of Mr. Simpson about the test, but he denied officially taking one — saying he only underwent a preliminary test run.

The judge said that in light of the denial the jury had to ignore any reference to Mr. Simpson's failing the polygraph since there was no other evidence he took the test.

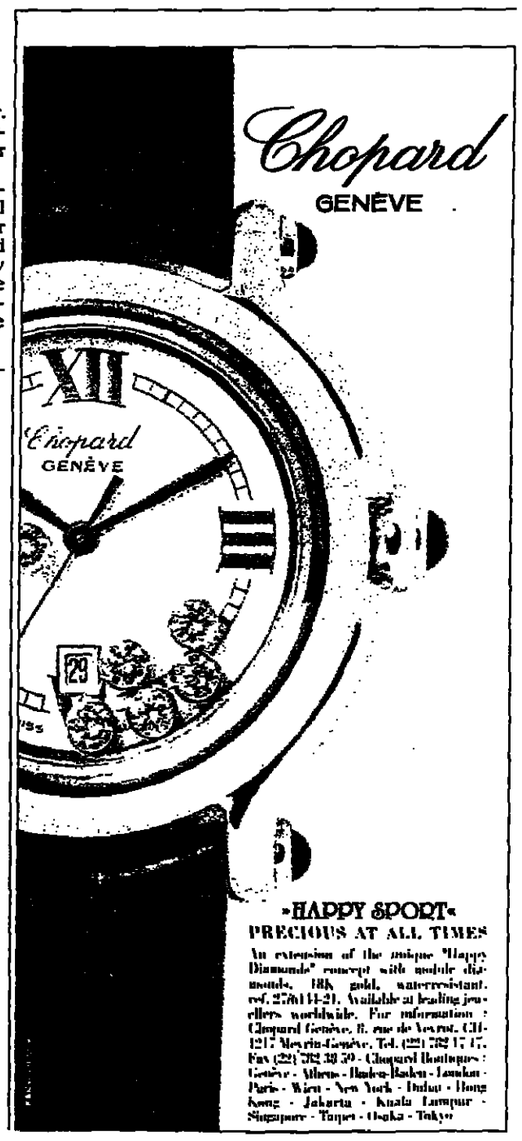
Ms. Ney testified Wednesday that she received the call on June 7, 1994. The caller said her former husband threatened to kill her if he saw her with another man. "She said she was very frightened," Ms. Ney said. "She sounded very frightened."


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## ASIA/PACIFIC

# Beijing Tells Vatican To 'Cease Interference'

*Agence France-Presse*

BEIJING — China on Thursday rejected a plea from Pope John Paul II to allow religious freedom and demanded that the Vatican stop interfering in China's domestic affairs.

The Vatican "must cease its interference in China's internal affairs, including interference in China's affairs by making use of religion," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

"The Chinese government respects the freedom of religious belief of Chinese citizens, and protects their regular religious activities," he added.

On Tuesday, the Pope urged China to allow its Roman Catholics to have official links to the Vatican, although these links are outlawed and Catholics in China must be members of the Patriotic Catholic Church, which answers to the Communist Party. There are 3 million "authorized" Catholics.

"Let the civil authorities of the People's Republic of China be reassured: A disciple of Christ can live in his faith under any political system provided that the right to follow his own conscience and his faith are respected," the Pope said.

Beijing maintained relations with the Vatican until 1957, when the then Pope excommunicated two Chinese bishops appointed by the Communist Party. China then severed ties with the Vatican, which set up relations with rival Taiwan.

"China is willing to improve its relations with the Vatican," the Foreign Ministry spokesman said. "However, the Vatican must sever its so-called diplomatic relations with Taiwan, and recognize the government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China and Taiwan as a part of Chinese territory."

China allowed 24 "official" Catholics to travel to Manila in January to join an open-air mass given by John Paul II, and one week later, Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli, a papal representative on foreign affairs, held talks with Chinese officials on the possibility of establishing diplomatic relations.

But there has been no further progress, and China's repression of "unauthorized" Catholics, who remain loyal to Rome and number between 3 million and 10 million, has continued.

In March, Bishop Zeng Jingmu, 75, was sentenced to three years in a labor camp for organizing Mass at his home.

According to Amnesty International, "unauthorized" Catholics in northern Hebei province have come under extreme pressure to have only one child, with police forcing abortions and sterilizations and torturing villagers with electric batons and hanging them upside-down.

## *Mother Teresa, In Convalescence, Reported 'Cheerful'*

*Reuters*

CALCUTTA — Mother Teresa, rapidly gaining strength after surgery last week to repair a life-threatening heart condition, met new members of her Missionaries of Charity religious order on Thursday, took a brief stroll and said she planned to return to her work soon.

"She was in a very cheerful mood," said A. K. Chatterjee, administrator of the B. M. Birla Heart Research Center, where Mother Teresa is being treated.

He said the 86-year-old nun, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, also asked for his help in finding homes for the 4,000 children she is trying to place in foster care.

"'They have to be adopted by good families. Tomorrow you come to me,'" Mr. Chatterjee quoted her as saying.

But her doctors warned that Mother Teresa was not out of danger. "We truly do not have any estimate of her time of recovery. We could still encounter setbacks and complications," they said.



Ziauddin Abdullah/The Associated Press

**UNVEILED THREAT — Afghanistan refugees fleeing from villages north of Kabul as heavy fighting continued around the capital. Meanwhile, the Taleban Islamic movement declared tougher dress codes for women on Thursday, calling for the face and body to be completely covered with the Islamic hijab, or veil.**

# Rangoon Lets Dissident Out Of Her Home

*Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches*

RANGOON — The authorities allowed Burma's pro-democracy leader, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, to leave her residence Thursday after two days of confinement, following a mutual agreement.

"I am always willing to come to an agreement if it's reasonable and fair and offered in the right spirit," the Nobel Peace Prize laureate said, speaking by telephone from her house on University Avenue.

She said she had agreed to allow security officials to choose the route when she traveled and to let their cars join her motorcade.

On Thursday, she attended a wedding and a meeting with leaders of her National League for Democracy to commemorate the anniversary of a student uprising.

Since a rare street demonstration by students in Rangoon on Tuesday, the authorities have blocked the road to her house, where the commemoration was scheduled to be held.

Early Thursday they also closed the road to the Rangoon headquarters of her party in an apparent effort to block the commemoration from being held there.

But she was able to leave her house and meet with 250 party members at the home of U Tin Oo, a senior party leader. She and other party officials gave speeches and sang old songs in praise of those who had fought for Burmese independence.

She told reporters she had been illegally held at home.

Government officials were not immediately available for comment. Thursday was National Day, a public holiday.

"If we truly want law and order in this country, it has to be achieved through understanding, through a political settlement," the democracy leader told reporters at the wedding reception.

She urged the Association of South East Asian Nations not to grant Burma full membership while the military regime is in power. *(AFP, AP, Reuters)*

## BRIEFLY ASIA

### *Pakistan Sees More Nuclear Aid*

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan said Thursday that China was willing in principle to provide Islamabad with a second nuclear power plant, but that the financing was not in place.

China is building a 300-megawatt nuclear plant in Punjab under the safeguards of the International Atomic Energy Agency. That facility is scheduled to be completed in 1998 and handed over to the Pakistanis in March 1999.

Asked if China and Pakistan had discussed the feasibility of building a "Chashma-2" during a visit this week to Islamabad by President Jiang Zemin of China, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "In principle, the Chinese are willing to do so. The question of financing is yet to be resolved." He did not elaborate. *(Reuters)*

### *Patten Calls Passport List Safe*

HONG KONG — Governor Chris Patten sought Thursday to allay fears that a sensitive list of Hong Kong citizens granted British passports had been disclosed to China.

"I know of no evidence, I have no evidence that Chinese officials have lists of the possible beneficiaries," he said at an emergency session of the Legislative Council.

A local newspaper had quoted Chinese officials as saying that Beijing would be able to trace Hong Kong residents who had been issued British passports under the British Nationality Scheme. China regards the holders of such passports as dual citizens and therefore not entitled to full consular protection.

"I want to assure everybody in Hong Kong that we will do everything humanly and technologically possible to keep that material secure and to keep that information confidential," Mr. Patten said. *(Reuters)*

### *Taiwan Suspends Aid to Pretoria*

JOHANNESBURG — The Taiwan foreign minister said here Thursday that his country would recall its ambassador to South Africa and immediately suspend all aid projects and treaties to protest Pretoria's decision to end diplomatic relations with Taiwan in favor of China ties.

Speaking after talks with his South African counterpart, Alfred Nzo, Foreign Minister John Chang said Taiwan would suspend its aid program and most of 36 treaties and agreements between the two countries.

"We came to Pretoria with the sincere hope, and a bleeding heart, to try and find out whether or not we can save our diplomatic, at least to say formal, relationship," he said at news conference.

But President Nelson Mandela stood by his decision last week to sever ties. *(Reuters)*


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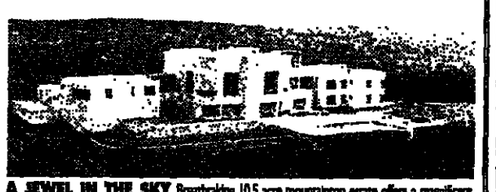
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## EUROPE

# A Hungarian Village Meets the U.S. Army

## *Peace Reigns at Bosnia Unit's Base Camp*

By Jane Perlez
*New York Times Service*

TASZAR, Hungary — The prospect of thousands of U.S. soldiers setting up a base camp in this tiny village that does not rate a dot on most maps sent dizzying visions through many minds. On one hand there were dreams of instant wealth from the world's richest army; on the other, worries about a dive in moral standards as free-wheeling GIs behaved as depicted in Hollywood movies.

Now, after the town has served as the logistical base for U.S. military operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina for nearly a year, neither the fantasies nor the fears of the residents of Taszar have materialized.

The few unemployed — estimated at 20 of a total population of 2,400 — have been employed. Some restaurants with an American flavor, like Top Gun and Country Pub, hastily established in the nearby provincial capital, Kaposvar, have cashed in.

But instead of buying tens of millions of dollars' worth of Hungarian food, as some people here expected, the U.S. Army has maintained its own supply lines. Almost everything from eggs to Coca-Cola has been flown in. Eager construction companies soon learned that the army imports its own.

As for the wild side, some locals wish they had seen it. The 4,000 U.S. soldiers are mostly cooped up inside the camp where a gym, a movie theater, a pizza parlor and a beer tent have been set up. Rules that were intended to ensure that U.S. soldiers are safe, but which sound like prudish edicts from the Victorian era, prevent soldiers from leaving the camp without special permission.

To accept a dinner invitation from a Hungarian family in a house one block away, U.S. soldiers must make a request to the army's "force-protection unit."

To drive 11 kilometers to Kaposvar to go to a restaurant, soldiers must travel in groups of no fewer than 10, organized by the "morale, welfare and recreation unit." The drinking rule states that soldiers can drink in the camp beer tent but not beyond the camp perimeters.

But while would-be entrepreneurs are disappointed, the mayor of Taszar, Jozsef Kovacs, who is also the village doctor, said he thought the right balance had been struck.

"People were afraid of AIDS, prostitutes and gang violence," Mr. Kovacs said. "But we have learned that the American soldiers are civilized and well-behaved people."

The U.S. operations are centered on a military airfield established by the Soviet Union in the 1950s. It was the first U.S. base in a former Warsaw Pact country.

With the announcement by President Bill Clinton that the United States will keep a reduced military presence in Bosnia next year, the Taszar base will remain but will also be scaled down, U.S. officials said.

The U.S. presence was embraced by the Hungarian government as a way of showing its eagerness and ability to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

But while substantial goodwill has been generated by the soldiers, doubts linger among Hungarians about the wisdom of joining NATO.

In September a Gallup poll found that 47 percent were in favor, with 29 percent against and 24 percent undecided, a higher degree of ambivalence than in Poland, another former Warsaw Pact member considering NATO membership.

Those uncertainties are reflected around Taszar and Kaposvar.

"The American soldiers are involved in peacekeeping," said Sandor Reczey, a lawyer in Kaposvar. "But what benefit would Hungary have from NATO? You need the military when we have war. And we don't want war. We want peace."



A shopper passing up a pig's head at a market stall in the coal mining village of Gritsovka, south of Moscow.

# Moscow Sends Emergency Funds to Striking Miners

*The Associated Press*

MOSCOW — On the third day of a nationwide strike by tens of thousands of miners, Russia's prime minister said Thursday that he had sent emergency funds to ease the crisis.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, whose government was coming under additional pressure from Parliament, said the money should arrive soon. But he acknowledged miners' complaints that huge sums promised in the past often have not arrived.

"It is necessary to find out whether the money has reached the recipient," Mr. Chernomyrdin said at a cabinet meeting, quoted by the Interfax news agency.

Strike leaders were in talks with the government, and did not immediately comment. The miners are demanding months' worth of back pay and benefits, and an end to chronic wage delays. They have idled more than half of Russia's 240 coal mines and called for the government to resign.

The miners' union says there are up to 400,000 workers on strike, while Rosugol, the state coal company, has put the figure at 61,000, the Moscow Tribune reported Thursday. In some regions, teachers, power workers and others have joined the strike.

## BRIEFLY EUROPE

### *Simitis Seeks Blockade's End*

ATHENS — Prime Minister Costas Simitis appealed Thursday to thousands of Greek farmers to end a crippling eight-day blockade of road and rail links, saying it was posing a serious threat to the economy.

"The taking over of national roads and paralyzing transport are putting an unbearable cost on the economy," Mr. Simitis said in his first public comments since the farmers began seizing road and rail links.

International and domestic land transport has ground to a halt. The farmers have shut the borders with Bulgaria and Turkey, cut land links between Athens and the second city, Salonika, in the north and surrounded the Salonika airport, forcing passengers to walk to the terminal. *(Reuters)*

### *Havel Develops Pneumonia*

PRAGUE — President Vaclav Havel has developed slight pneumonia after having a malignant tumor removed along with half of his right lung, doctors said Thursday.

"Unfortunately, there are minor complications," said Dr. Pavel Pafko. Tests had revealed no metastases elsewhere in Mr. Havel's body, he said, but pneumonia had developed in the lobe untouched by surgery. *(AP)*

### *New Evidence in Brussels*

BRUSSELS — Investigators assessed new evidence against Deputy Prime Minister Elio di Rupo on Thursday, four days before Parliament is to decide whether he must face charges of pedophilia before the Supreme Court.

Mr. di Rupo said he remained confident that the charges against him would be found untrustworthy and insufficient to warrant a trial and force him to resign his post.

Parliament decided two weeks ago that evidence then did not support allegations that Mr. di Rupo had abused minors. It then ordered prosecutors to resume their inquiry and report Monday to Parliament. *(AP)*

### *Military Hands Off Nazi Case*

ROME — Italian judicial officials said Thursday that military court authorities had concluded that a civilian court should try a former SS captain, Erich Priebke, on charges of complicity in a World War II massacre of civilians.

The officials said the panel of military judges had reached the decision at a closed-door meeting late Wednesday. The ruling, reached without hearing arguments from the prosecution or defense, brought Captain Priebke's case into line with that of another SS veteran, former Major Karl Hass, whose trial is being sought in Italy. Both men are tied to the 1944 massacre of 335 men and boys.

Captain Priebke, who has been held in detention since his extradition from Argentina 13 months ago, was convicted by a military court in August. But the ruling caused uproar when the court also said the 83-year-old German was no longer liable for punishment. The verdict was later voided. *(Reuters)*

# Panel to Probe If Nazis Used Swiss Pouches To Shift Assets

*The Associated Press*

GENEVA — An independent panel will investigate reports that Swiss diplomatic pouches were used by the Nazis during World War II to funnel assets to South America, a Swiss official said Thursday.

Thomas Borer, a Foreign Ministry lawyer who heads the Swiss government's task force on Holocaust assets, denied any knowledge of the reports cited in a 1946 U.S. diplomatic memo. But he said that an independent research commission now being created by Parliament would check the reports.

"No allegations of that kind are known to us," he said. "It cannot be excluded that at some time a diplomatic pouch was misused."

It is not known when the independent panel would begin functioning.

A 1946 State Department memo says the Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering may have used Swiss businessmen with diplomatic clearance to funnel his $20 million fortune into Argentina.

The memo was found in the National Archives and made public Wednesday by Senator Alfonse D'Amato, Republican of New York. In a letter to the Swiss Embassy, Mr. D'Amato urged an investigation to "get to the bottom of this explosive issue."

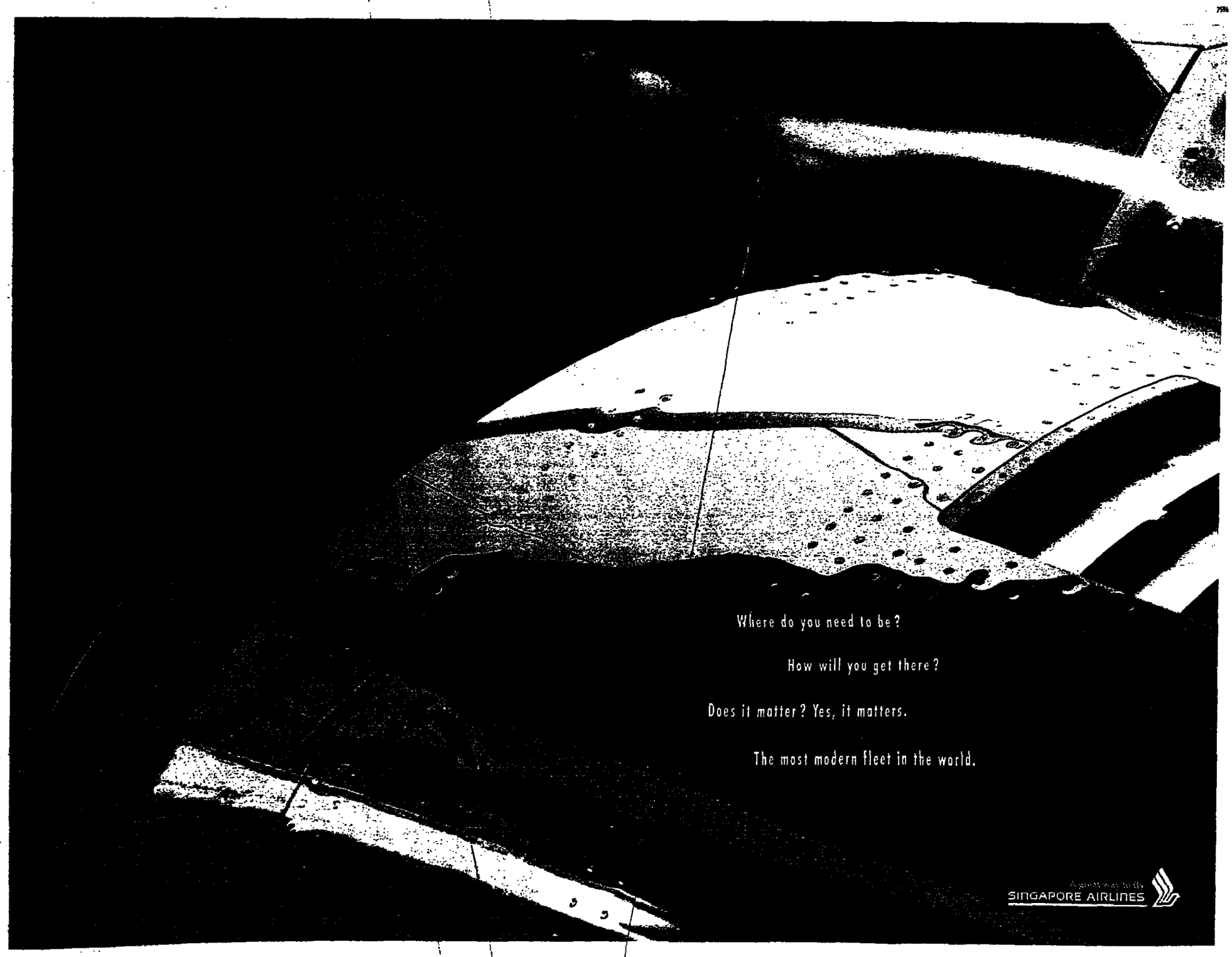
Mr. Borer said the memo begged the question of why the United States did not file a protest over such actions at the time, or bring them up at the Nuremberg trial in which Goering was condemned.

"We also don't know whether the source that Mr. D'Amato names is to be taken seriously," he added. "With intelligence sources, caution is always appropriate."

Mr. Borer is planning to testify at a Dec. 11 hearing in Washington before the House of Representatives on the issue of possible assets of Holocaust victims. Mr. D'Amato is also expected to be at the hearing.

Goering, commander of the German Air Force, was one of several top echelon Nazis who sent assets to South America inside Swiss diplomatic pouches during World War II, according to the 1946 memo from Austria by the American consul-general, Laurence Frank.

David Vogelsanger, press officer at the Swiss Embassy in Washington, dismissed the memo as "pure hearsay."



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# BOOKS

## THE LIFE OF NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER: Worlds to Conquer, 1908-1958

*By Cary Reich. 875 pages. $4895. Doubleday.*

Reviewed by
Richard Gid Powers

WHAT a fantastic conjunction of genes, culture and history it took to produce the dazzling specimen of humanity that was Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller. This monumental first volume carries us only through Rockefeller's triumphant 1958 campaign for the New York governorship, but at the start Cary Reich promises us that Rockefeller's life before the governorship, before the presidential campaigns, "was more than prologue, but a wondrous story in itself."

It is a story in the shape of an epic Bildungsroman: a young man, dazzled by the promise of life, eager to force fate to reveal what it has in store for him. But in this case the eager youth is a Rockefeller, a Rockefeller who learns that those same fantastic advantages he inherited give every sign of forever blocking him from his ambition, which is not only to place himself in the service of great ideas, but also to see those ideas make a difference in the world.

Through Rockefeller's eyes the reader sees how political and economic power work at the highest levels of American society, and part of the fascination of the story is that Rockefeller himself does not understand, at least not all at once, how power works in a great democracy. So the reader learns with Rockefeller how it is that one actually achieves the power to accomplish his ends.

Rockefeller made the most of whatever circumstances he found himself in, and he was forever in extraordinary circumstances. He made the most of Dartmouth, moving outside the curriculum to construct an individualized education in art history for himself, discovering in the visual arts a realm where the word-jumbling dyslexia that dogged him all his life was no handicap. He moved into the management of the Rockefeller Center construction project, disastrously recruiting Diego Rivera to do the frescoes that had to be destroyed when the Mexican Communist insisted on including a heroic portrait of Lenin. He took the reins of his mother's Museum of Modern Art, and raised funds, much of it from his own wallet, for the museum's first collections.

Reich's book amply demonstrates what Reich himself at times seems to doubt, that Rockefeller indeed had an abiding set of political beliefs that carried him through the twists and turns of his career: that the world's best hope for peace, prosperity and freedom lay in the economic growth that only private enterprise could supply; that there should be no limit to government efforts to advance free enterprise; and there should be no limit to the size of the government needed to accomplish that mighty task.

World War II found Rockefeller in Washington as coordinator of InterAmerican affairs, which he quickly turned into a command post for waging psychological and economic warfare in South America by fostering cultural exchange and promoting the Latin American economy with North American investments. After Truman fired him, Rockefeller formed corporations to jump start South American economic development. Back in Washington under Eisenhower, he headed a task force to streamline government operations. One of his proposals was the Health, Education and Welfare Department, which he was soon running as undersecretary for Oveta Culp Hobby.

After HEW, Rockefeller succeeded C.D. Jackson as Eisenhower's Special Assistant in charge of psychological warfare, charged with orchestrating the nonmilitary front of the Cold War, something he expanded into a vast scheme to bring the entire American culture and economy to bear against the Soviet Union, to make the Cold War a choice for mankind between the prosperity and freedom of democracy, and the economic and moral squalor of totalitarianism.

Once again Rockefeller ran into a wall of opposition from the officials actually charged with the responsibility of confronting Soviet power, particularly John Foster Dulles, who was irritated beyond endurance by the distraction Rockefeller represented.

Frustrated by Dulles's hostility, Rockefeller left government to assemble the best minds of the country (under the leadership of Henry Kissinger) to chart a national purpose and stimulate a public debate over the positive objectives the country should pursue for the rest of the century. In the short run his ideas may not have had the consequences he hoped for. In the long run, however, they were startlingly prescient: All the world now sees that it is only a free enterprise economy that produces real economic growth. It was through the contrast between the prosperity of the free, democratic nations and the poverty of socialism (psychological warfare, in Rockefeller's broad definition) that communism was relegated to the dustbin of history. Rockefeller's laudable mistake was to believe that simply through the power of ideas humanity could be persuaded to choose the better path, instead of having to discover it through trial and error.

At this juncture, Rockefeller made a life-changing discovery, finally realizing that it was only through elective office that he could advance his ideas. Now Reich's story, always engrossing, begins to soar. Rockefeller became "Rocky," a force of nature on the campaign trail, brimming over with "natural exuberance" and "contagious joie de vivre." He and New York were astonished to discover, as one Republican leader put it, that "God must have meant Nelson to be a politician." The public responded, giving him one of the great personal triumphs of American political history, after a campaign magnificently recreated in Reich's compelling prose.

*Richard Gid Powers, who teaches history at the College of Staten Island, CUNY, and is the author of "Not Without Honor: The History of American Anticommunism," wrote this for The Washington Post.*

# BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

LARRY N. Cohen and David Berkowitz finished just three match points behind Bob Blanchard and Jim Krekorian at the American Contract Bridge League's fall nationals in San Francisco.

On the diagramed deal, Berkowitz struggled to make a game that succeeded easily at other tables after a routine lead of the heart queen. His East-West opponents were Jo Ann and Danny Sprung, and he faced a club lead. East won with the ace and shifted to a diamond, ducked to the jack. West might have confused the issue with a shift to the heart jack, but he chose a second club. South won with the king and played two trump winners.

He then ducked a heart to West, won the low heart return in dummy, and drew another trump. The ending was:

NORTH
♠ K Q J 7
♡ A K 8 7
◇ 10 7 5
♣ Q J

WEST
♠ 2
♡ Q J 10 4
◇ Q J 4 3
♣ 9 8 7 6

EAST
♠ 10 9 6 5
♡ 6 5
◇ 8 6
♣ A 10 5 4 3

SOUTH (D)
♠ A 8 4 3
♡ 9 3 2
◇ A K 9 2
♣ K 2

Both sides were vulnerable. The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ◇ | Pass | 1 ♡ | Pass |
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass |
| 2 N.T. | Pass | 4 ♠ | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |

West led the club nine.

NORTH
♠ J
♡ A 8
◇ 10 7
♣ —

WEST
♣ —
♡ Q 10
◇ Q 4 3
♣ —

EAST
♠ 10
♡ —
◇ 8
♣ 10 5 4

SOUTH
♠ 8
♡ 3
◇ A K 9
♣ —

The last trump then squeezed West in the red suits, and the game was made.


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## INTERNATIONAL

# U.S. Is Evacuating More Iraqi Kurds

By Steven Lee Myers
*New York Times Service*

WASHINGTON — Nearly three months after its military and relief effort collapsed in northern Iraq, the United States has begun evacuating 4,000 to 5,000 Kurds and other Iraqis who had worked for private organizations in the northern Kurdish enclave once protected by the United States and its allies.

The evacuation of the relief workers is the third the United States has undertaken to help thousands flee northern Iraq after the outbreak of fighting between two rival Kurdish factions and the brief incursion of Iraqi forces into the enclave in August.

The State Department announced in October that it would consider evacuating the workers and their families, but the effort had been delayed by concerns that some of them might pose security risks to the United States. The delay has prompted criticism from relief organizations that feared the workers faced reprisals from Iraqi security forces still believed to be operating in the north.

As U.S. officials began to ferry the refugees across Iraq's border with Turkey, it was still not clear how many would finally be allowed to leave. "There are people on the border checking as people come across," an official in Washington said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In the months since Iraqi troops stormed into the Kurdish enclave, the United States has been trying to reassert its influence on the ground. With its allies it still patrols the region in the air and it has been trying in recent weeks to shore up a cease-fire reached in October between the two Kurdish factions. But, as one official put it recently, "The situation is still pretty raw."

While the exodus of relief workers has undermined relief efforts in northern Iraq, U.S. officials have expressed hope that the United Nations and its agencies will be able to deliver food and medicine under the recent agreement to allow Iraq to sell some oil.

The relief workers, employed by two dozen private groups, had to make their own way to the border. It will take a few days for all of them to cross over. They will stay briefly in Silopi, Turkey, before being flown to Guam, as were the previous refugees, and eventually being resettled in the United States.

The previous waves of refugees included 2,100 Kurds who had worked directly for the U.S. government in its military and humanitarian efforts in northern Iraq since the Gulf War in 1991 and a group of about 600 Iraqi dissidents who had received support from the United States to undermine the government of President Saddam Hussein.

# Babrak Karmal, Ex-Chief In Kabul, Dies in Moscow

*Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches*

MOSCOW — Babrak Karmal, 67, the Communist leader who ruled Afghanistan with the support of Soviet troops from 1979 to 1986, died of liver cancer Sunday in Moscow, according to a Russian report.

Mr. Karmal, who spent most of his time in Russia since his removal from power a decade ago, died at the Kremlin hospital in Moscow, the Interfax news agency said Thursday in the first public report of his death.

He had been in failing health for the past year, the brief report said.

It was officially in response to an appeal from Mr. Karmal, then leader of a pro-Soviet government-in-exile, that Soviet troops invaded Afghanistan in December 1979.

Mr. Karmal returned to his country with the invading troops and became Afghan leader in December.

Islamic rebels, backed by the United States, soon took up arms against Mr. Karmal's regime, and Afghanistan became one of the main Cold War battlefields in the 1980s.

The Soviets eventually grew critical of his leadership. They blamed him for failing to defeat the rebels and for the slow pace of changes in Afghanistan, one of the world's poorest and least developed countries.

With prodding from the Soviets, Mr. Karmal resigned in 1986, citing unspecified health problems. He had spent most of the past 10 years living quietly in Russia.

Mr. Karmal was replaced by Major General Najibullah, who remained in power until the Islamic rebels toppled the Communist government in 1992. He was hanged in Kabul in September after a relatively new Islamic faction, Taleban, took control of the city.

Civil war in Afghanistan broke out in 1978, the year before Mr. Karmal came to power, and has continued in one form or another to this day. *(AP, Reuters)*


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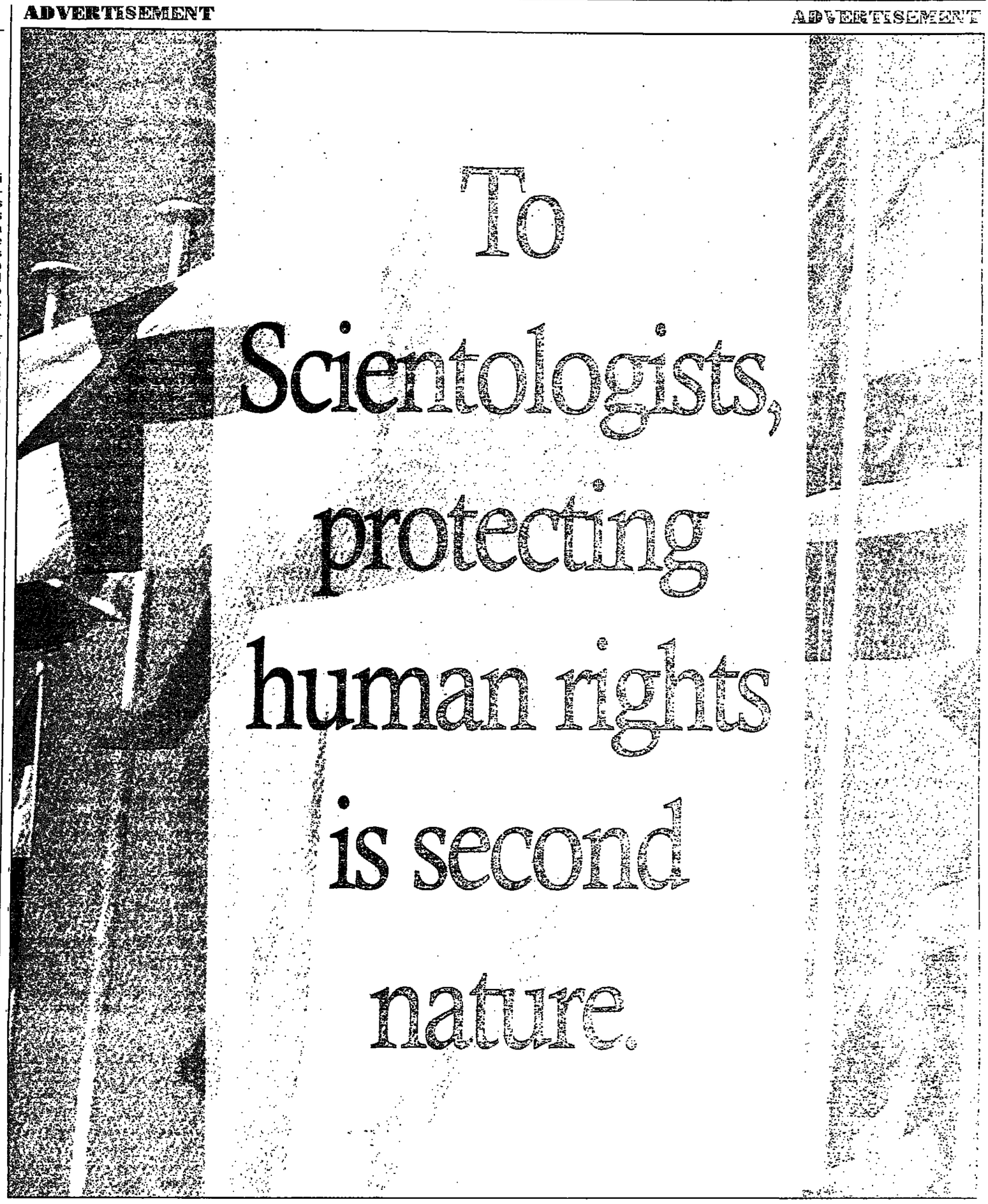
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# HONG KONG: *Through Its Increasing Commercial Presence and Business Practices, China's Power and Influence Precede the Flag*

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ereignty ends, is being built under management donated by Hong Kong's Li Ka-shing, whose immense conglomerates have, with vast interests here and in China, frequently required Beijing's approval.

For decades, a handful of Chinese companies have done business here — the Bank of China, China Resources, China Travel, China Merchants — companies that served as Beijing's pipelines to the global economy.

But in the last decade, and particularly in the last five years, Chinese companies have flooded Hong Kong, buying property, wooing foreign deal makers, looking for capital and, perhaps not least, finding a safe haven for great piles of hot money from China.

Measuring China's power is not always easy. Of more than 15,000 Chinese companies here, only 30 or so are listed on Hong Kong's stock exchange, and only about 1,000 have formal authority from China to operate in Hong Kong.

Richard Wong, director of the Center for Economic Research at Hong Kong University, estimates that the vast percentage of Chinese companies here are busily transferring assets from China, to the tune now of $65 billion a year, a sum equal to more than half of China's total foreign exchange reserves.

"It doesn't mean the money stays in Hong Kong," he said. "They can move the money out of Hong Kong. Some money winds up in the U.S. Some winds up in China, what they call double-tripping."

Beijing's most formidable presence in Hong Kong, the Bank of China, ensconced in an origami-like tower designed by I. M. Pei, has become a principal banking institution here. It has corralled about a quarter of Hong Kong's retail banking market, according to banking analysts, and is one of three banks permitted to issue Hong Kong's currency. It also handles a major share of corporate lending, in large measure because of the bank's access and power on the mainland. But it has also lured business, according to some Hong Kong companies, for no other reason than appearances: To shun the bank would be to shun China.

Because the bank is unlisted on the stock exchange and releases little information about its activities, little is known about its clients, deals and profitability. It does, however, serve as the parent institution for 11 smaller banks here and for investment holding companies.

Still, its independent ratings have been more cautionary than not.

Last year, it angrily abandoned plans to issue $646 million in floating-rate certificates of deposit when Moody's Investor Service Inc. issued a credit watch notice that the bank was being considered for a rating downgrade. Moody's also has criticized several of the company's smaller banks for a lack of transparency and disclosure.

China's largest publicly listed presence here, Citic Pacific, has grown in the last decade into a $10.3 billion conglomerate with operations throughout Hong Kong and China, including property holdings, telecommunications, airlines, trading, credit card services, water purification projects and steel production. From the outset, Citic Pacific was established as Beijing's primary financing source for major infrastructure projects in China. Since 1993, according to Morgan Stanley estimates, Citic Pacific has poured $1.2 billion into power projects, roads, bridges and water treatment facilities on the mainland.

At the head of Citic Pacific is Larry C. K. Yung, the son of the vice president of China, Rong Yiren. Mr. Yung, 54, who declined to be interviewed, is known not only for building Citic Pacific, but has himself emerged as a major figure. Known for his Rolls Royce and palatial homes here and in Canada, Mr. Yung, who was educated at Stanford University, sits as one of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's 12 stewards, which puts him at the center of Hong Kong high society.

And while he runs Citic Pacific as leanly and professionally as any conglomerate here, his actions carry Beijing's political weight. When China decided that Hong Kong's airlines, Cathay Pacific and Dragon Air, could no longer be dominated by British companies, Mr. Yung delivered the message and the financial muscle to force a deal favorable to Citic Pacific.

"These big companies are absolutely straight," said Peter Churchouse, the managing director of Morgan Stanley Asia Ltd., and a long-time resident of Hong Kong. "These people have been here since the 1980s. I think they have been an instrument of learning for the Chinese. Now, they're moving back into China because that's where the opportunity is. Everybody realizes they're so well connected in China that everybody wants to do business with them."

Then there are the smaller interests. Beijing's Diaoyutai Guest House, where state guests are lodged, runs an import and export business here.

The planning commission of Hebei Province also owns Triple Well International Ltd., an import and export operation. And the All-China Youth Federation is involved in real estate development.

"Particularly after 1990, you saw a real influx of Chinese companies," said Nick Moakes, a former British diplomat who is now the head of regional research for Wheelock NatWest. "The motivations of these companies vary enormously. One of the key motives initially was getting your window on the world. It enabled you to access foreign trade flows. Hong Kong served as an offshore banking and finance center."

"Citic comes here because people don't trust going to the mainland," Mr. Moakes continued. "You have a perception of guarantees here. You don't have guarantees really, but there is that perception."

Evading China's capricious bureaucracy and its lack of an effective legal and financial system is one of the core reasons Chinese companies, provinces, towns and ministries have established presences in Hong Kong.

They also receive the considerable benefit of being transformed into foreign investors.

"China offers very lucrative incentives to foreign investors that aren't available to local companies," explained Wei Li, a professor of managerial economics at Duke's Fuqua School of Business in North Carolina. "A lot of Chinese companies that want to make investments in China set up a shell company in Hong Kong and shift money outside of China. They then use the shell company as a cover for foreign investment to send money back to China. Almost every municipality and even some villages are doing this."

Yet, many Chinese companies are eyeing Hong Kong as much for what has changed so far as for what will change when China takes over on July 1, 1997.

"In Beijing, there is clearly the sense that people are waiting to see what piece of the pie they can control in Hong Kong's future," said Mr. Simon of Andersen Consulting. "I would argue that companies started to do this five or six years ago. The integration of Hong Kong with the mainland has occurred already. July 1, 1997, is a fait accompli."

In a variety of ways, the imprint of Chinese ways can be seen clearly here.

Already, Hong Kong's fabric of impartial justice is being strained by favoritism and Chinese influence. In early November, the chairman of a local company who was accused of dumping his company's shares to avoid huge losses begged an insider-trading tribunal for leniency because he was "an honorary citizen of China."

Asserting that it would be essential for the businessman to have dealings with officials in the future, his lawyer urged that the businessman, Leung Wah-chai, receive a *minimal sentence*. Indeed, he had been chosen by Beijing as a representative on the elite 400-member group that will confirm Hong Kong's first chief executive under Chinese rule. The tribunal banned Mr. Leung from his company for a year, but deferred the ban for 12 months, and levied one-third of the maximum fine.

As China's embrace of Hong Kong nears, the profile of mainland companies is also likely to rise, say many people here, and that will create a different Hong Kong.

"Mainlanders will try to operate the way they operate on the mainland," said Mr. Moakes of NatWest. "I'd be amazed if things didn't change in Hong Kong, and change considerably."

And S. Gordon Redding, a professor of management at Hong Kong University, said: "What is pretty well certain is that the purity of the legal system and the power of the Independent Commission Against Corruption will gradually fade. You'll get the import of this favoritism, this insider access, of getting around the system."

# India Vows Not to Deploy Mid-Range Agni Missile

*Reuters*

NEW DELHI — India, under pressure from the United States to roll back its ballistic weapons program, said Thursday that it would not deploy its intermediate-range Agni missile unless the nation's security was threatened.

Analysts said the decision not to produce the surface-to-surface missile, believed capable of carrying a nuclear warhead, would help keep a lid on tension in South Asia but leave the government vulnerable to attack by domestic hard-liners.

"It marks a strikingly moderate line," a diplomat said.

The report was at odds with the recommendations of an all-party parliamentary panel, which had urged the government to produce the Agni for use by the armed forces.

The decision to hold back on producing the missile was criticized by the main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party, which has advocated a tougher line on defense than the center-left government of Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda.

The decision was made public comes only days after President Jiang Zemin of China made an official visit to New Delhi. China and India fought a brief border war in 1962 and still disagree over parts of their Himalayan boundary.

"Coming after Jiang's visit, this is a source of embarrassment for the government," said a defense analyst, Brahma Chellaney of the Center for Policy Research.


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# Yugoslav Opposition, Lacking Blue Collar Support, Nears Compromise

By Chris Hedges
*New York Times Service*

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia — The opposition that has pulled some 100,000 people into the streets of Belgrade for two weeks to protest vote fraud in local elections has failed in its drive to entice Serbian factory workers into the movement and looks set to work out a compromise with the government over the annulment of several election victories.

Opposition leaders said Thursday that without blue collar support it would be difficult, if not impossible, to increase the pressure on President Slobodan Milosevic. Opposition leaders promised to call an end to the street protests if the president reverses his annulment of the vote that gave the opposition control of 14 of Serbia's largest 19 cities.

There were signs Thursday night that Mr. Milosevic might accept such a deal. The government allowed the independent news radio station B 92, which it had shut down, to resume broadcasting. It promised to pay overdue pensions, student loans and grants and announced the resignations of several unpopular party leaders, including the party chief in Nis. The head of the Belgrade election commission told BK Television that the board was appealing the annulment, a move that could see the opposition take control of the cities they won.

Opposition leaders said such a deal would be acceptable and vowed to work in the months ahead to broaden their popular base to oust Mr. Milosevic in presidential elections next year, rather than through strikes and street protests.

"This is the beginning of the end for the regime," said Djordje Basic, vice president of the Parliament and the most senior opposition politician in the government.

"But we do not know how long this process will take. We have delivered several deep ax blows to the regime, but it is still standing. The workers are not ready to go into the streets. Perhaps they will join us next spring. Our struggle against the regime will probably take months, but it is under way."

The opposition coalition, Zajedno, has pulled large numbers of students, professionals and pensioners onto the streets. But nearly all have come from the university-educated middle class. Workers, who have carried out strikes for better wages and working conditions, remain unwilling to risk jobs for the political demands of the four-party coalition that includes fervent nationalists and liberal social democrats. Opposition calls for workers to join the protests have exposed the paucity of support in the working class for the coalition.

Opposition leaders announced Thursday that a labor union at a Belgrade tractor factory had agreed to support the protesters. But the union, those in the factory said, represents less than 200 of the 5,000 workers. Nis is the only city in Serbia that has been able to pull some workers behind the protests, but this participation has not spread.

Laborers interviewed in Novi Sad, Belgrade and the southern mining town of Bor often expressed sympathy for the coalition demands. Many said they voted for the opposition. But they also added that they did not have enough faith in the opposition leadership to risk their jobs.

Vuk Draskovic and Zoran Djindjic, the two main opposition leaders, have painted themselves as Serbian nationalists and peace candidates at various times. They have also flirted with Mr. Milosevic in the past in an attempt to form coalition governments. Many workers said they would have been more willing to risk their jobs if the original head of the coalition, the former World Bank economist Dragoslav Avramovic, had remained.

"The opposition leaders are not people you can trust to stand by you when things get really hard," said a factory worker in Belgrade, who asked to remain unidentified. "And none of us have any great sympathy for the students. When we held strikes earlier in the year all these university students didn't give us support. Now these kids want us to go out and march with them in the streets."

The plight of the working class in Serbia should be good fodder for labor unrest. Most of the huge state-run industries produce at 10 or 20 percent capacity. Wages have tumbled from about $800 a month to often less than $100 a month. Huge numbers of workers are on leave, collecting a pittance of $30 or $40 a month. There are no independent labor unions, and strikes are often ended by brutal police action.

Opposition leaders conceded that they had to produce more than rhetoric if the movement was to keep its momentum. They said they will focus on using cities where they won election victories to build a political base to battle the government.

Mr. Basic, one the main opposition nominees for mayor of Novi Sad, northwest of Belgrade, said he would attempt to establish independent radio stations and newspapers and show Serbs that good government can produce results.



Ivan Milutinovic/Reuters
**Protesters marching in the streets of Belgrade on Thursday with a life-size effigy of President Slobodan Milosevic.**

## *Conference Urges Arrests in Bosnia*

*Agence France-Presse*

LONDON — An international conference on Bosnia demanded Thursday the prompt arrest and prosecution of indicted war criminals still walking free in Bosnia-Herzegovina and called for United Nations police to investigate Bosnian police misconduct.

The conference on implementation of the year-old peace agreement also called in its draft action plan for "creating and maintaining" conditions to encourage the return of an estimated 2 million refugees and displaced persons.

It called for the building of a market economy in the former Yugoslav republics "based on respect for free market and open trading principles," and agreement on an International Monetary Fund stabilization program.

The conference of 56 delegations urged the holding of municipal elections in Bosnia by next summer to embrace "full participation by opposition parties and equitable access to mass media."

Demanding full respect for the so-called rules of the road that are supposed to govern free movement among the republics, the statement urged the elimination of laws inhibiting free movement, and of car number plates that betray the owner's ethnic origin.

It also called for the establishment of a workable domestic telephone network in Bosnia so that a businessman in Banja Luka could call direct to one in Sarajevo.


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## Police Disperse Zulu Protest

*The Associated Press*

JOHANNESBURG — The police used stun grenades Thursday to disperse about 800 Zulu nationalists who were protesting efforts by authorities to evict them from houses they had illegally occupied.

There were no injuries, according to the police. Last month the Alberton Town Council tried to evict 600 families. The eviction attempts in the past two weeks were a legacy from the violence in Thokoza township in the run-up to 1994 elections that ended apartheid.

At that time, supporters of President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress fled their homes when their opponents from the Zulu-nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party occupied them. The township has since been divided, with ANC supporters living in one half and Inkatha supporters in the other.

# *Milosevic and His Foes Are Locked in Serbian Standoff*

By John Pomfret
*Washington Post Service*

BELGRADE — President Slobodan Milosevic met with Serbian officials Nov. 18 to monitor the results of local elections that were held the previous day. Things did not look good for his Socialist Party of Serbia, which has ruled with an iron hand for nine years. An opposition coalition of five political parties was leading in 15 of Yugoslavia's 19 biggest cities.

But Mr. Milosevic, according to participants in the meeting, was philosophical. Defeat in some cities might enliven his party, he suggested. "An opposition victory is like a jumbo jet," one participant quoted him as saying. "The key will be to show the people that they haven't got a pilot."

But more than two weeks later, Mr. Milosevic has exchanged his soft words for tough deeds.

Victories by the opposition coalition have been reversed in all but one city, either by decision of state-run courts or by diktum. Serbian officials have branded the largely peaceful street protests in Belgrade as "fascistic" and "terroristic." Hundreds of riot police have been transported to the capital, and 32 protesters, mostly students, have been arrested, sparking fears of a wider and bloody crackdown.

As Mr. Milosevic's position has hardened, the opposition has followed suit. Following a simple call for Mr. Milosevic to respect the results of the local polls, the opposition demanded that he step down as president of Serbia. One opposition leader, Danica Draskovic, urged protesters to throw bombs at the president's house. Another, Zoran Djindjic, used foul language to insult the president.

**NEWS ANALYSIS**

Seventeen days into the most serious challenge to the rule of a man widely blamed for starting wars in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mr. Milosevic and the opposition both appear to have backed themselves into corners.

Already, a Janus-faced pattern of life has emerged in the capital. The opposition controls Belgrade by day, with two protests — one by students and the other by the impoverished middle class. At night, the Socialists retake the town, dominating the airwaves with a skewed version of the day's events. Wednesday, for example, more than 150,000 protesters peacefully jammed downtown. But at night, TV Serbia's news, seen throughout the country, reported that the protest was filled with violence.

Hopes had been raised for a British initiative to resolve the dispute. Ambassador Ivor Roberts, working with New Democracy, a political party of businessmen close to Mr. Milosevic, proposed face-saving alternatives to get the opposition to back down from its demand that Mr. Milosevic leave office in exchange for his recognizing the results of the polls.

"Milosevic's people said they would consider it," a Western European diplomat said. "At one stage they appeared positively attracted by it, and then they went cold."

The opposition also backed away from the compromise.

After receiving a letter from Mr. Roberts in which he requested that its contents remain confidential, Vuk Draskovic, an opposition leader and the husband of Danica Draskovic, read it aloud to 25 opposition officials. Then, in a speech to protesters, he lambasted the idea of a special Serbian parliamentary board to investigate the electoral results — one of Mr. Roberts's proposals.

"We've moved back to the time of black and white," said a Serbian official who tried to arrange a compromise. "Everyone is radicalized."

Mr. Milosevic already has set himself back months, if not years, in his efforts to integrate Yugoslavia into the West. The European Union recently postponed indefinitely a decision on tariffs that would have allowed this country to sell goods worth millions of dollars to Europe. The United States this week blocked the International Monetary Fund from coming to Belgrade for talks on Yugoslavia's return to international financial institutions.

The opposition, too, appears to have little idea how to proceed. Mr. Draskovic and other leaders reportedly were shocked that their coalition did so well in the Nov. 17 vote and were also surprised at the success of their later call for protests.

But, as a Western official said, "you can't keep people marching until the year 2000."

## MOBUTU: *Irrelevant to Many*

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have seized or besieged a broad swath of cities from the northern town of Bunia, near the border with Uganda, to Kindu, an important diamond-trading center on the edge of the economically strategic East Kasai Province. They have spoken openly of their plans to continue.

Throughout this drive, Zairian towns have not so much fallen to the rebels as embraced them in relief after the wild shooting sprees and looting by government forces.

Capitalizing on the ease with which they have been able to advance in the face of such an undisciplined force, the rebels seem to have expanded their goals in recent days. Instead of just asserting control over a modest buffer zone between the rest of Zaire and neighboring Rwanda, their aim apparently is to capture as much territory as possible and to bid for outright political power.

The leader of the rebellion, Laurent Kabila, has stepped up claims that his movement intends to topple Marshal Mobutu and usher in a new era of Zairian politics, rather than dismember the country, breaking off a piece for his own control.

Until recently, ambitions like these were seen as quixotic at best, but just as people in Kinshasa have begun to doubt the president's return so have many begun to take Mr. Kabila's threats seriously.

"People have begun to realize the government is a paper tiger, and nothing would surprise them anymore," said Kinkela Vi Kan'sy, an opposition member of Zaire's transitional parliament. "Few people will say it in the open, but in their homes they will tell you they are waiting for Kabila to save them from a system based on thievery, rape and pillage. Even if Mobutu were a magician, by this point, he is all alone, and could do very little."

One of the most tangible signs of the rebels' change of strategy has been the push toward East Kasai Province, a traditionally restive area that has been virtually autonomous forseveral years.

East Kasai is home to Zaire's most profitable diamondmining operations, and in an attempt to ease their entry into the region, the rebels have announced that theywill honor existing mining contracts for foreign companies but also plan to renove restrictions on prospecting that have limited the opportunities for Zairians.

Top government officials in Kinshasa admit that the atmosphere is so tense in Mbuji-Mayi, the capital of East Kasai, that when army helicopters flew over the city this week, soldiers guarding the governor's residence stripped off their uniforms, fearing that the rebels had arrived.

If control over East Kasai lies at the heart of the rebellion's economic plans, diplomats and aid officials here say that an expected battle for the northern city of Kisangani, which could come as early as this weekend, would be by far the most important test in the conflict yet.

A city of about 600,000 people and Zaire's most important inland river port, Kisangani has been a capital of Zairian insurrection since the early 1960s, when it was repeatedly overrun by anti-government rebels.

A victory there by Mr. Kabila's forces would give the rebels control over much of the Congo River, the country's most important means of transportation. It would also give the rebels easy access to Marshal Mobutu's Equateur Province in the north.

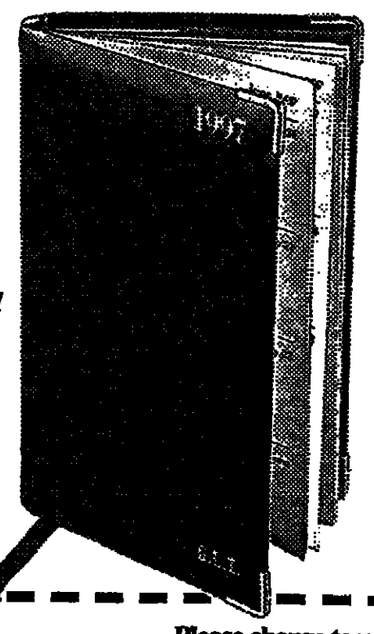

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# France and NATO

NATO is bogged down in a sterile squabble between the United States and France over which nation will designate future commanders for the alliance's southern command, based in Naples. Washington is right to insist that an American admiral hold this job, which includes control over the U.S. 6th Fleet. But the Clinton administration should move quickly to break the impasse by supporting a French officer for a comparably high-level position.

NATO now faces issues vital to its future. In the next several months it will be considering its first candidates for membership from Central and Eastern Europe, an unwise and potentially dangerous step that the administration still has time to reconsider. It also needs to establish a firm new exit strategy from Bosnia. Further, it should be starting to define the kind of military operations that European NATO members are prepared to take on without the participation of American ground troops. To do justice to these issues, it needs to get past the distracting dispute over the southern regional command.

This quarrel has its origins in a highly welcome development, the decision last year by President Jacques Chirac to work toward bringing French troops back into NATO's unified military structure, reversing a 30-year estrangement initiated by Charles de Gaulle. Mr. Chirac reasonably seeks an appropriate command position for France within the alliance's military leadership structure. But he has fixed on the wrong job.

NATO's top officer for Europe, by tradition an American, has three regional deputies. A British officer generally commands the northwestern region, a German runs the central region and an American is in charge of the south. Citing traditional French interests in the Mediterranean area, Mr. Chirac has demanded the southern command. That is a job that no American president can or should yield.

The southern commander effectively directs the formidable naval and air resources that the United States has based in the Mediterranean area. In addition to their NATO responsibilities, these units are used to project American power into the Middle East, where U.S. and French policies do not always coincide. Mr. Chirac must accept the impossibility of France taking over the southern command.

But there is no reason Washington cannot promote Paris's candidacy for an equally prestigious post. There are several plausible possibilities. If France does not want to rotate the other regional posts with the Germans and the British, it might take responsibility for commanding NATO's increasingly important rapid-reaction forces.

Bringing French forces back into NATO would mean a stronger alliance and a better balance between European and American military contributions to the common defense. If managed well, it could create a welcome capacity for European forces alone to take over any further mission required in Bosnia after the newly extended NATO operation withdraws. To secure these benefits, Washington should seek agreement on an appropriate way to satisfy France's reasonable ambition to join NATO's top command structure.

*—THE NEW YORK TIMES.*

# Reform of the CPI

Are we Americans better off than we think we are? That is the great implication of a report, released on Tuesday, by an independent commission appointed last year by the Senate Finance Committee, suggesting that official statistics substantially overstate the inflation rate.

We have come to expect disagreements about some of the most fundamental choices of economic life — whether the Federal Reserve should raise interest rates, say, and thereby diminish growth, or lower interest rates, and thereby risk more inflation. But it may be disconcerting to realize that policymakers do not even agree on the economic conditions underlying these debates — that no one can say for sure how high inflation is at this very moment, or what the growth rate was last year. All the same, the latest debate over these measurements, and the possibility of improving them, should be welcomed.

The field of economics is chided these days, and with good reason, for a preoccupation with complex mathematical puzzles that do not bear on real life or help make policy. Yet at the same time, economic policymakers — not all of them economists, by a long stretch — probably agree about more of the basics today than at any other time in recent history: on the importance of countering inflation, for example, or on the failure of state central planning compared with free market decision-making.

In that context, a search for more accurate measurements of inflation and growth is vital, and the report on the consumer price index by this advisory group of five distinguished economists, led by Michael Boskin of Stanford University, is an important contribution.

Why does it matter? For years, to take one example, economists and business people have been trying to figure out why U.S. productivity growth has slowed, a question central to U.S. living standards and competitiveness in the world. But if the inflation rate has been overstated, then the whole discussion becomes suspect; real productivity gains have been greater than had been assumed.

Similarly, experts have puzzled over the stagnation of U.S. wages — is technology the culprit, or global competition, or something else entirely? Yet if inflation has been lower than we thought, wages have not lagged as badly as we thought, or at all. Two central questions of today's economic debate take on a different cast.

How we measure economic growth is similarly, if less noisily, open to question. Gross domestic product is the most basic measure of a nation's economic output and, more generally, of its economic well-being. Yet critics point out that if a hurricane causes $1 billion worth of damage, the reconstruction adds that much to the nation's GDP, although we can hardly consider ourselves better off for the storm.

When a company depletes a natural resource (clear-cutting timber, or mining copper), that shows up as a plus in the GDP, too. A corporation's polluting activities add to the GDP, and so does the subsequent cleanup, but many public goods (improved education, say, or cleaner air) do not. Is this really a fair measure of economic progress?

With both the consumer price index and the GDP, statisticians have had a hard time keeping up with the exuberant pace of innovation in the American economy — with the diversity of new products constantly appearing, and with their growing reliability and energy efficiency and quality. This is no reassurance to the blue-collar worker who has lost ground, and there are many such real people, statistical debates aside. But the five eminent authors of the Boskin report found that, overall, the average quality of life — including such difficult-to-price advantages as clean air and longer, healthier life spans — has improved much faster than official statistics suggest.

If inflation is lower and the economy stronger than had been pictured, what does that mean for policy? It should come as no surprise that policymakers still will not agree. Liberals will take the redrawn picture as evidence that the Federal Reserve could allow more growth and more employment with less fear of rekindling inflation. Conservatives will find support for their view that government need not develop new programs to protect workers, spark productivity or, some would say, raise the minimum wage.

Politicians will be tempted to play with these measures for their own policy ends, and there are other arguments against tampering as well. Consistency over time is a virtue, even consistent errors; our charting of the nation's productivity may be skewed, but the direction over time — the fact that it is rising less quickly than before — remains a valid subject of study.

And if the measures of CPI and GDP that we had taken to be rock-solid and objective turn out to be based on subjective assumptions and best guesses, then we have to admit that any replacement measures will also be open to challenge.

Yet the arguments for intelligent reform are stronger. For one thing, the bias over the years has not been consistent, but highly variable. More to the point, we will always be better off with more accurate information — even if it does not always, as it does in this case, promise good news.

*—THE WASHINGTON POST.*

# Will They Sacrifice the Baltic Peoples Again?

**By Valdis Krastins**

PRAGUE — In political circles in Central and Eastern Europe, enlargement of NATO is talking point No. 1. To a listening Latvian, it seems odd that the countries most vulnerable to big-power bullying and meddling are often deemed unsuitable for the "first" round of enlargement.

In some European capitals, maybe even in Washington, that could appear natural, but not in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia. Are the three Baltic states to be excluded from NATO enlargement in deference to Russia? If so, Russia obviously has a full right of veto on NATO expansion.

Another much heard opinion for undercutting Baltic membership is the cynical judgment that we are undefendable. Yes, Latvia by itself would in the end have to yield to superior military pressure — but so would Denmark if left in lonely confrontation with an armed force as big as its whole population.

No one at the start of the Berlin blockade could have imagined that city to be defendable in the long run if it had to stand isolated against Soviet military might stationed just around the corner. But the message of decisive allied action, the famous air bridge, was not lost on the Soviet Union: A takeover of Berlin, militarily feasible, would have led to a worldwide confrontation. The Soviets decided to back down.

Until the fall of the Berlin Wall, people stuck on the eastern side of the Iron Curtain endured intense human suffering and economic disaster as a consequence of that ill-conceived partition of Europe laid down at Yalta and Potsdam. That division into zones of influence was, once again, made behind the backs of the Baltic states. (Hitler and Stalin had done it in 1939.) Are we witnessing a sellout of the Baltics again? The current horse trading is not encouraging.

True, politicians and diplomats from the Baltic states are being assured and reassured that it is not the case, that history is not being repeated. It is stressed again and again that we have nothing to fear from Russia, that we are considered an integral part of Europe.

But these well-meant assurances lack substance.

Threatening statements and strategic studies detailing military and other ways to keep the Baltic states in the Russian sphere continue to be aired in Moscow. When we mention this to our friends, they say, "Don't worry, it's only meant for Russian domestic consumption." We are supposed to find that reassuring?

Or we are told to observe the military weakness of Russia as demonstrated in Chechnya. But there are substantial differences in terrain between the Baltic states and Chechnya. Aggression on the Baltic plains would require a much smaller force than the one employed in Chechnya.

Use of military force for regaining control of the Baltic states may not be in the cards just now, but history shows a recurrent urge of Russian realpolitik to dominate the Baltics.

What we in the Baltic states need just now is a lasting framework for peaceful and continuous development. Our neighbor's big-power attitudes create an atmosphere of doubt, deterring investment and other international business connections. All this has slowed down the restructuring process.

At this moment in history, the Baltic states are entitled to an unmistakable signal confirming that their membership in Europe is irreversible and that no intention exists to leave us in a gray zone — meaning, in the Russian sphere of influence. No signal could be stronger than a declared prospect of NATO membership in the foreseeable future.

That signal would help democratically minded Russians to shape acceptable attitudes toward newly regained Baltic independence, and awaken those in Russia who are still dreaming futile dreams from an imperial past. Such a change of heart could enable a major breakthrough in bilateral relations between the Baltic states and Russia.

We in the Baltics cannot cope with the consequences of 50 years of occupation without a stability shield. It is absolutely essential for the rebuilding our societies along Euro-Atlantic lines, and for reintegration in Europe.

*The writer is Latvia's ambassador to the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Turkey. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.*

# Beijing Makes It Hard for Americans to Be Friends of China

**By Thomas L. Friedman**

WASHINGTON — It was a good foreign policy week for both Mickey Mouse and Ronald McDonald.

It started with the Walt Disney Co. rejecting China's demand that it scrap a movie Disney is co-producing about the exiled Dalai Lama, whose drive for Tibetan rights is the bane of Beijing. Less well publicized but no less important was the deal struck between McDonald's and the Beijing authorities over the world's biggest McDonald's, next to Tiananmen Square.

For two years, McDonald's resisted an arbitrary order by the Beijing government that it remove the restaurant, despite a 20-year lease, because the city wanted to erect a lucrative commercial complex in its place. After standing up to Beijing, McDonald's finally won compensation for its move and the right to open at least two more outlets along an adjacent street.

There are some lessons here worth reflecting on.

To begin with, both of these cases remind us that for too long the American business community in China has behaved as if human rights and business rights were two different things, and that as long as business rights were not trod upon by the Chinese, human rights could be ignored. Wrong.

Human rights and business rights are just flip sides of the same coin, and the coin is called "the rule of law." If democracy advocates in China are subject to arbitrary arrest or intimidation, then sooner or later Mickey Mouse will be as well. And that is what really happened in this Disney case. Mickey Mouse got thrown in the slammer with Wang Dan. The Disney folks shouldn't forget that.

The second lesson, for both business and the Clinton administration, is that we outsiders have leverage with the Chinese; we've just spooked ourselves into thinking otherwise. They crave Big Macs, Macintosh, Microsoft and Mickey Mouse. They can't finance their growth without exporting to America. They desperately need the $38 billion trade surplus they have with the United States.

Whenever America actually does use this leverage in a sophisticated manner, whether it's McDonald's or the government, it is successful. Look at how the U.S. trade representative's negotiators dealt with China in June on the question of piracy of U.S. goods.

The U.S. negotiators went to the Guangdong Province government and said: "Look, guys, if you don't close your pirate factories, we're going to block Guangdong's textile exports to the United States, and, more importantly, we're going to let people know that this is a pirate province, and you won't attract a dime of high-tech investment, and that will leave you making Nike tennis shoes forever."

To reinforce that message, the American team brought along some American high-tech executives. Surprise, surprise, the Guangdong government cracked down. (True story: At the dinner to seal the agreement in June, the U.S. negotiators asked for dim sum, but the Guangdong officials insisted on sending out for McDonald's.)

Show the Chinese you have leverage, make a specific set of demands and then show them why the way out is in their interest, and they will respond.

Finally, there is a message here for China's leaders: Look at all the columns, editorials and articles written about the Disney case in the United States. What is striking about them is the hooray for Disney that comes through.

In part it is a hooray that a U.S. company has finally put principle before profit. But in part it also reflects the simmering anger with Beijing in America — a sense that for the last four years the Clinton team has bent over backward, shamelessly at times, to address China's concerns in order to improve the relationship, while the Chinese have done nothing — not one thing, zippo, nada, zero — to address even the most minimal U.S. concerns about human rights or arms proliferation to improve the relationship. People are fed up, so there is a certain irrational joy in America with Disney's slam-dunking of Beijing's demands.

The Chinese leadership ought to reflect on that mood. There are many Americans who want to see a healthy relationship with China, who want to see China develop, and who understand the difficult transition it is embarked upon, but Beijing has made it very hard to be a friend of China. That is the real moral of this Mickey Mouse story.

*The New York Times.*

# Paris Could Think Again and Put the Alliance Back on Track

**By Frederick Bonnart**

BRUSSELS — The dispute in NATO between France and the United States is damaging and unnecessary.

When France made its approach to NATO last December, it declared that its initiative was conditional on establishing a visible European defense identity inside the alliance. This was already one of NATO's declared projects, but it had been moving forward slowly. The French, warmly welcomed by the allies, were allowed to rejoin a number of military bodies, and pressure to resolve the European issue was increased.

The establishment of a European command chain was later agreed upon by NATO's defense ministers. This then crystallized into a project for empowering a European deputy to the supreme European commander (always an American) to make separate plans for European-led operations and, if called upon, command them with the use of the necessary NATO assets, but under the political authority of the Western European Union.

This proposal was due to be accepted by foreign ministers at next Tuesday's North Atlantic Council meeting. France could then have been proud of a success achieved in a very short time. Instead, its insistence on a European commander for NATO's southern region put these arrangements at risk and started a combative confrontation.

Sound military and political reasons exist for the American insistence on keeping the southern command. The heavy strategic element of the region is the U.S. 6th Fleet, which has a nuclear potential. This requires an unbroken U.S. command chain running from the president through the supreme European commander and the southern commander to the American admiral commanding the fleet.

The fleet is also America's forward force element for the Near and Middle East. For NATO, the most threatening instability is likely to emanate from that direction.

The European allies have kept an embarrassed silence. Germany, which initially came out in support of France, is now trying to distance itself.

To most NATO insiders the French demand seems unreasonable. Senior appointments are allotted on the basis of national contributions of territory, funds, support elements and, above all, alliance-disposable forces. Not only has France kept its forces under national command for the last 30 years, but its future force contribution is likely to be strictly limited.

By raising the contest to head-of-state level, instead of negotiating it normally inside NATO, France made a cardinal error. Its threat to proceed no further with its reintegration will rebound, as the allies will not accept its continued participation in NATO's military bodies. It will thus lose the position and the voice it had gained by its former initiative.

France has proposed two alternatives: removing the 6th Fleet from the southern command and placing it directly under the supreme commander, or accepting the principle of a European commander for the region while temporarily leaving an American in charge. Both ideas are unacceptable.

But other compromise solutions are possible. The future would see regions covering the whole of Europe would need subregional commands. Most of these would be European, on a rotational or shared basis, distributed among contributing nations. Alternatively, elements of the southern command, such as its air or naval components, could be relocated to France or Italy.

It would also be possible, albeit wasteful, to maintain the present division of Europe into three regions, two of which (but not the south) would be under European commanders.

France, if completely reintegrated, would have its share of senior appointments at all these headquarters. The chairmanship of the Military Committee would also be open to it.

The dispute is all the more regrettable because the Europeanization process achieves long-term policy aims for the United States as well as for Europe. In due course, it could make possible the type of operation that the United States had initially envisaged for Bosnia, whereby American air and naval forces would support a European land action.

For Europe, the change means the creation of a nucleus that could eventually develop into a common European defense force, which is the declared aim of France.

NATO's other Europeans look on France as a valuable ally, but they are not prepared to jettison the United States. The French authorities should adjust to this situation and abide by the consensus procedures that have enabled the alliance to function throughout its history.

It is not beyond their proven diplomatic skills to find a way quietly to repair the damage and extricate themselves from an awkward position. In this endeavour they will undoubtedly be helped by all the allies.

*International Herald Tribune.*

# Consorting With Indonesians

**By Richard Cohen**

WASHINGTON — Get a grip. Washington is in the throes of virulent scandalmania the likes of which has caused even Newt Gingrich to counsel caution.

The target of all this activity is Bill Clinton, who, as best as I can make out, is seriously and most ominously charged with consorting with Indonesians, an apparently grave offense, although I do not know why.

I do know that there is ample evidence that Mr. Clinton met with one Indonesian and even — brace yourself and hide the children — received a letter from another one.

His pen pal from Jakarta is the megabillionaire Mochtar Riady, a Clinton acquaintance and businessman with holdings in the United States, not to mention much of Asia and a place called Arkansas.

In his letter, Mr. Riady had the temerity to counsel the president on Asia policy — including the suggestion that the United States normalize relations with Vietnam. As you may have guessed, Mr. Clinton did just that.

But not immediately and not unexpectedly. Restoring relations with Vietnam had been a longtime Clinton goal and, indeed, had wide bipartisan support.

I concede that all this scandalmongering is not precisely much ado about nothing. Vast amounts of money are at issue, and the question suggested — but not yet directly posed — is whether something of value was bought.

The focus of suspicion is John Huang, who once worked for Mr. Riady and then found a spot in the Commerce Department. From there he went to the Democratic National Committee, where he raised oodles of money. About $1.5 million in donations, most of them raised by Mr. Huang, have been returned because they were tainted in some way or just plain illegal.

Mr. Huang was clearly seeking influence. But if that in itself is a hanging offense, then every light pole in this city would have a lawyer dangling from it.

But from legitimate questions about Mr. Huang we plunge, willy-nilly, into Talmudic characterizations of Oval Office meetings.

For instance, The New York Times on Nov. 19 ran a Page 1 story saying that Bruce Lindsey, a very important presidential aide, had orchestrated a cover-up of what went on in Oval Office meetings between Mr. Clinton and James T. Riady, Mochtar's son.

Mr. Lindsey, the article said, "was the central figure in the White House's decision to call the meetings social calls," dismissing the objection of two White House lawyers that the characterization was incomplete.

Pow! The Times the next day unloaded a 10-megaton editorial, and it was followed by an equally strong column in The Washington Post written by — ahem — me.

After talking with people in the White House and interviewing Mr. Lindsey, I conclude that the meetings were, in fact, almost entirely social.

Here is what Mr. Lindsey says happened.

The president and James Riady had chatted for about 10 minutes about nothing in particular when Mr. Clinton was informed that his next appointment was waiting. A White House photographer was summoned for the standard photo, and it was then that Mr. Riady uttered his support for the administration's China policy — something like, "You did the right thing extending most favored nation status to China." That's it.

Whatever that is, it's hardly a policy discussion.

Even another meeting with James Riady, this one attended by Mr. Huang, is hard to categorize as devoted to policy. It was then that Mr. Huang suggested that he be moved to the DNC.

No doubt Bill Clinton is guilty of practicing politics. No doubt rich people made donations, got to see the president and then told others that they got to see the president. The president's name gets dropped all over the world. You pay your money, you get to drop his name.

Sure, Mr. Huang raises some troubling legal and ethical questions. But when much of Washington goes into a tizzy about whether a meeting is entirely social or just partly so, then we — and I am including myself here — have got to sit down and take a deep breath. We have lost our grip.

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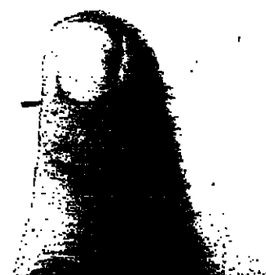
LONDON — The storm in the Channel has to a great deal subsided, although a very heavy sea prevailed all day yesterday [Dec. 5]. Reports which are now to hand show that the gale has been one of the most severe experienced in recent times on the Southern and Eastern coasts, and great havoc has been wrought in shipping and on exposed works on land. The demolition of the old Chain Pier at Brighton was one of the striking features of the gale.

### 1921: A Juror Dissents

SAN FRANCISCO — Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle will go on trial again on January 9 on a charge of manslaughter for the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, movie star, which occurred after a party in his rooms at the St. Francis Hotel here. The disagreement of the jury in the trial just ended is reflected in the statement made by Forenan August Fritze, who charges that one woman refused to consider the evidence in the case from the beginning, and said that "she would eat her ballot and not change it until Hell froze over."

### 1946: Jailers on Trial

HAMBURG — The trial of the Ravensbruck concentration camp personnel, at which the shocking details of life and tortures in what was the world's biggest and most horrible prison for women are to be disclosed, began today [Dec. 5] in Hamburg. Seven women attendans and ten wardens of the camp are to be tried. Between 1941 and 1945, about 118,000 women had passed through there, of whom there were only about 12,000 living at the time of the liberation.



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## OPINION/LETTERS

# Face It, There Is No 'German Gene'

By Peter Schneider

WASHINGTON — Among the foreign countries that Americans know, I've noticed that my native Germany is named more often than many.

When I moved to Washington this fall, I was struck by the omnipresence of things German on television.

But this distinction is no honor. Almost all the images and stories on television draw on those 12 years when Germans perpetrated a crime the monstrous uniqueness of which only idiots question.

Most Germans I know in America have tried to act as un-German as possible. First you avoid the vocabulary of the "Hollywood German" — commands like "Komm her!" or "Halt!" or "Achtung!" even when your child is about to step into the street at a dangerous intersection.

You avoid first names such as Fritz or Hans, and if your last name is Reich, you pronounce it American-style: "Rike!" You try not to seem earnest or profound. You show some humor even if you've none to spare. You try not to be pedantic.

Above all, you attempt to become the exception to the rule — the good German, the German struggling with his past, the German who feels guilt, the German who shuns patriotism and rejects a unified Germany.

This holds true as well for many, if not the majority, of young Germans at home. Sometimes it seems that the German who tries to be the exception has become the rule.

Alas, all these heroic efforts have proved fruitless. Turn on your TV set on almost any evening in America, and on one of the many cable channels you will likely find a German. He is blond; sometimes, he is incredibly handsome. But he has these cold blue eyes, wears a brown or black uniform, clicks his heels and shouts: "Right away, Herr Kommandant!"

That's Hollywood. But this stereotype is more troublesome when the Nazi past becomes the only thing that defines today's Germany and holds its people captive.

In a recent column in The Washington Post, Richard Cohen touched on how some in the German government apparently discriminate against Scientologists who seek civil service post. I won't take issue with the undemocratic way in which certain German government ministers have dealt with the group. These officials were criticized in Germany, too.

But then Mr. Cohen goes further. Even as he says he does not believe that all Germans are innately evil, he brings up the idea by referring to Daniel Jonah Goldhagen's book "Hitler's Willing Executioners."

"Goldhagen has revived the notion," Mr. Cohen writes, "that there is something indelibly spooky about Germans — a gene in the culture that outsiders cannot detect and that gets passed from generation to generation."

Having read this, I confess I immediately wanted to have myself tested for this gene. Does every German have to fear that, no matter what we say or do, we are secretly disposed, deep down inside, to persecute minorities? And can we conclude that all non-Germans are by contrast comparatively immune to such impulses?

Mr. Goldhagen's book has unquestionable merits. Through his powerful descriptions, he made it known that hundreds of thousands of "ordinary" Germans willingly participated in the genocide.

> ***I'm afraid we cannot look for any lost or new identity. We have one and Auschwitz is part of it. But German identity cannot be based on the Holocaust alone.***

But in the process, he also reinforced a stereotype that we had almost shed: that German culture had over time thought of the Holocaust as a kind of "national project." Or to put it more directly: that long before they admitted it, most Germans were covert Nazis — and they could become Nazis again.

This notion strikes me as "enlightened" prejudice, if such a thing were possible. In any case, it's completely unsubstantiated.

Even if it could be substantiated, I would dispute it with all my might. If a whole civilization is responsible for genocide, it hardly makes sense to try individuals for the crimes they are personally responsible for — the murderers and torturers are only doing what anyone would do.

In contrast to his own stated intentions, Mr. Goldhagen relies on the thesis of collective guilt, which paints all cats gray and leaves little distinction between collaborators and decent people.

It may at first seem surprising that Mr. Goldhagen's book has had more success in Germany than any other country. Some may see in it a cause for hope, a sign of redemption. I find it disturbing. What does it mean that thousands of young Germans have embraced a man who says to them: Let's be blunt! When we talk about guilt, we're not talking about the SS and the Nazis, we're talking about Germans and German culture, from Luther to Thomas Mann.

Are they trying to prove how un-German they are by applauding this sweeping charge?

Coming to terms with the past in this way further obscures the behavior of a group of Germans who showed during the Nazi years that they carried a very different (un-German?) gene: Let's call it the gene of humanism.

In Berlin, for instance, some 10,000 families hid Jewish friends during the war. These unsung heroes have been largely forgotten. Why is that?

Perhaps because these "good" Germans refute the claim, made by the Nazis and their supporters, that they couldn't resist what they called Hitler's "perfected terror apparatus."

Perhaps these good Germans trouble the younger generation with the realization that, beyond any cultural genetics or "eliminationist mind-set," as Mr. Goldhagen calls it, one had a choice and consequently could have behaved differently — even under Hitler's dictatorship. It may be easier to claim that everyone was a potential killer than to honor those who were not.

For decades, many Germans played down the involvement of "ordinary" Germans in the Holocaust. With some noble exceptions — Willy Brandt and Richard von Weizsacker among them — politicians have admitted German guilt only under pressure. After Mr. Goldhagen's book, these facts can no longer be denied.

Germans will be measured by what we've learned from this history, especially in dealing with the recent murderous, neo-Nazi assaults against minorities in Germany.

Some German intellectuals are calling and searching for a new national identity. But I'm afraid we cannot look for any lost or new identity. We have one and Auschwitz is part of it.

But it is also true that the German identity cannot be founded on the history of the Holocaust alone and on the belief that one belongs to a people of murderers. Germans must be permitted to believe and to state that our history is more than 12 years long and has produced more than "eliminationist anti-Semitism." There is even an urgent need to make known that in those 12 years, thousands of Germans risked their lives to help Jews.

I would not expect anything good from the children of a country whose national archives offered only murderers and no heroes.

*The writer is the author, most recently, of "Couplings," a novel. This article, translated from the German by Leigh Hafre, was contributed to The New York Times.*

# No Turn Signal, No Brakes, No Air Bags — This Horse Violates Federal Regulations!

By Rowland Nethaway

WACO, Texas — The horse's name was Amigo. He was big-footed and liked to eat. I could relate to that.

Amigo appeared aptly named. But once astride his wide back I realized that I could get hurt. Looking around at our small group getting ready to leave the stables for a Sunday afternoon ride, I felt the need for more government regulation.

**MEANWHILE**

After all, what's the purpose of government if not to protect its citizens?

Not one person in our group wore a seat belt. No one wore a crash helmet approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation. And not one saddle in our group was equipped with an air bag.

As this great nation prepares to enter the 21st century, it's hard to believe that the American government has callously ignored the protection of its citizens by its failure to pass laws making it illegal to ride horses without rider and passenger air bags, mandatory seat belts on saddles and government-approved helmets for riders and passengers.

Surely the government has no greater priority than to protect its citizens from themselves.

No doubt the Founding Fathers would spin in their graves if they knew that the government they fought to establish still allowed its citizens to make decisions that could harm themselves and thereby place their individual liberties and personal freedoms at risk. No expense is too great and no personal inconvenience is too burdensome if only one life can be saved.

The current dustup over federally mandated air bags comes not from opponents of bothersome government safety nannies, such as myself, or the usual libertarian critics of government run amok. No, the latest attacks on this government-ordered safety device come from women and men who weigh less than 179 pounds.

It seems that expensive government-required air bags designed to save lives are killing people. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that air bags are responsible for killing 51 people between 1986 and 1996. These are people who would not have been killed except for the deployment of air bags. An untold number of Americans have been maimed or injured by air bags.

Most of the people killed or injured were children, women and small men. It seems the government requires that air bags protect a 179-pound man not wearing his government-required seat belt, which is why the explosive force of air bags have decapitated a one-year-old girl strapped in a government-approved child seat and also have killed 30 other children and 20 small adults.

To correct this government-ordered oversight, safety nannies argue that new laws should be passed to tell Americans where they must sit in cars and trucks according to their age and weight. A law prohibiting children, women or small men in the right-front passenger seat should solve the problem of deaths due to the 200-miles-per-hour deployment of passenger-side air bags, for instance.

> ***Any expense, any personal inconvenience, no matter how burdensome, is worth it if just one life can be saved.***

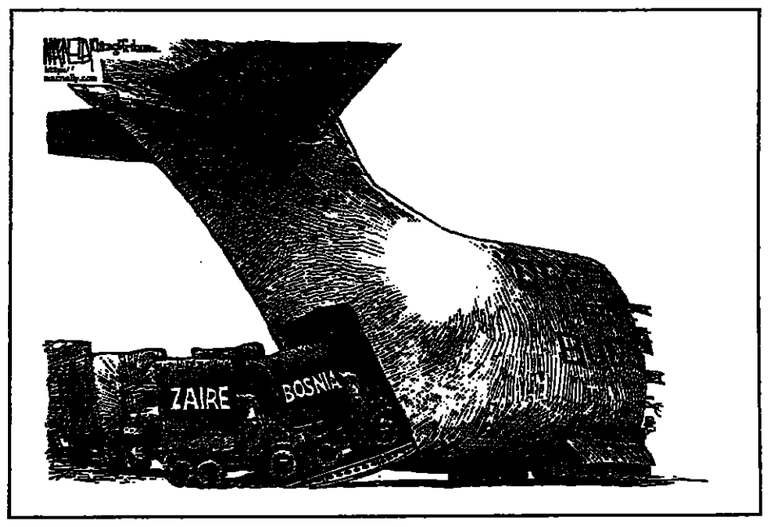
Since there remains the problem of government-mandated driver-side air bags, that problem could be solved by making it illegal for anyone under 179 pounds to drive a car, which is fine with me.

Although air-bag laws have already cost Americans billions of dollars to save 1,136 lives, another solution could be to order many billions more spent for air bags that determine the size, weight and punch-absorbing ability of all drivers and passengers who must be strapped into a government-approved seating arrangement, pass drug and alcohol breath tests and have on the government-tested crash helmets before the car will start.

Since only the very rich could then afford cars, Americans would again be forced to ride horses for transportation. Amigo wouldn't like that.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Serbia's Opposition

The recent cancellation of election results by Serbia's president, Slobodan Milosevic, and the subsequent demonstrations by the opposition give a wrong impression to the rest of the world. What those of us — Croats, Albanians, Bosnian Muslims and others — who suffered under Serbian terror see is a turf war among criminals, not an attempt to right the horrible wrongs committed by the Serbs.

Despite claims that they are sick of the war, the opposition demonstrators would not have acted much better than Mr. Milosevic in Bosnia.

One member of this so-called opposition is Vojislav Seselj, who has been accused by human rights groups of being a mastermind of the slaughter of Bosnian civilians.

STJEPAN BALOG.
Warren, Michigan.

### Just Ban Them

In his otherwise inspiring article, Desmond Tutu (*"Allowing the Killing of Children Is a Disgrace," Opinion, Nov. 25*) endorses a proposal that manufacturers of land mines be made to contribute to the costs of mine-clearance and mine-awareness programs. This is not good enough. It would amount to a "death tax," allowing these companies to pay a fee for the right to keep on with their deadly trade.

The only acceptable course is to outlaw these atrocious weapons entirely.

DONALD ALLAN.
San Francisco.

### NATO Expansion

*Regarding "Eastward Expansion of NATO Doesn't Look Like a Good Idea" (Opinion Nov. 28) by Thomas L. Friedman:*

I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Friedman that NATO expansion is the "most ill-conceived project of the post-Cold War era," but I disagree strongly that it now may be "impossible to halt." Nothing has been signed, no countries have received invitations and studies still are being conducted. Absolutely nothing has been done that cannot be slowed or halted.

If expansion does go ahead, a key issue will be the stationing of nuclear weapons on the territories of new member states. NATO has publicly stated that it has no intention of deploying nukes farther to the east, and many applicant countries don't want them but are too afraid to say so for fear of hurting their chances of acceptance. Needed would be some sort of agreement creating a Central European Nuclear Weapon Free Zone.

Also, these countries could not shoulder the costs of membership at a time when every extra cent should be going toward reform of their economic systems. Shoring up democracies has been a stated goal of the Atlantic alliance. This is not achieved through expansion.

What would help the people of these countries is membership in the European Union. Economic prosperity is the most crucial aspect of any future links with the West.

SHARON L. RIGGLE.
Brussels.

### Drug Policies

*Regarding "Dutch Drug Tolerance Is Under EU Pressure" (Nov. 29):*

Let me get this straight. France has a rate of 2.5 drug addicts for every 1,000 people while Holland has a rate of 1.7. And President Jacques Chirac wants to impose *his* country's drug policy on the Dutch?

One wonders what he's been smoking.

PHIL DEMETRION.
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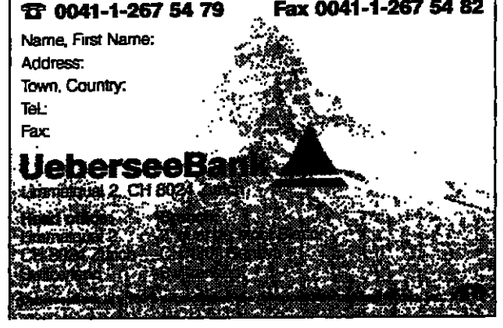
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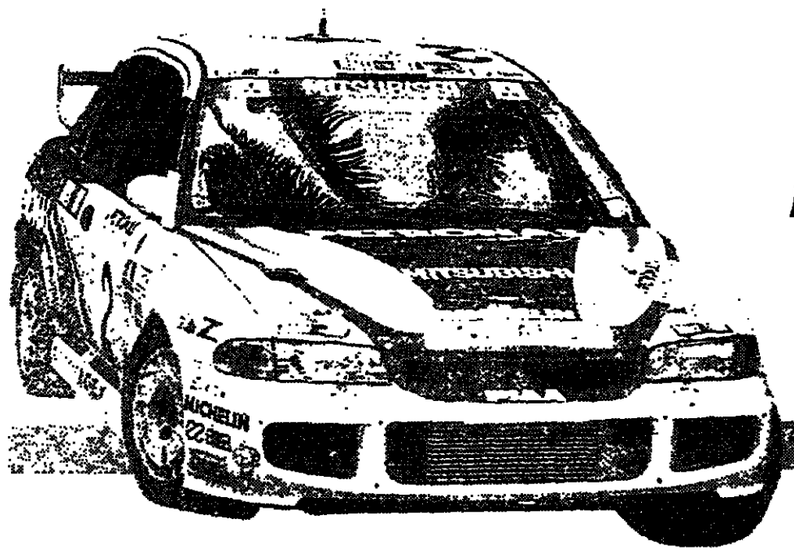
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The FIA World Rally Championship (WRC) consists of nine series, and the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship (APRC) of six series. Since the Indonesia and Australia rallies are included in both championships, the total number of rallies that Mitsubishi participates in each year is 13. Both championships are official rallies of the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA).

Mitsubishi enters these championship rallies first of all because they provide valuable road tests of the company's vehicles in a wide range of conditions, from the heat and dust of the African desert to the treacherous ice and snow of Swedish winters. As a Mitsubishi spokesperson puts it, "We could, like most manufacturers, prove new technology for our production cars by running them around closed test courses or subjecting them to repeated testing in research labs, or both. At Mitsubishi, though, we've always produced the best results by doing our development the hard way: on the international rally circuit. By our reasoning, anything that can survive the grueling extremes of this worldwide series should perform handsomely in normal daily driving."



***Tommi Makinen of Finland won the 1996 World Rally Championship for Drivers.***

The Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III has indeed proved itself handsomely this year, taking first place in five of the nine 1996 FIA World Rally Championship tests, and in three of the six 1996 FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship runs. Mitsubishi Motors Corporation came in second in the 1996 FIA World Rally Championship for Manufacturers, and the Lancer Evolution III took six firsts in Group N, the class for production cars, in the WRC, and three in Group N in the ARC. One of the Mitsubishi drivers, Tommi Makinen of Finland, won the 1996 FIA World Rally Championship for Drivers.

Although the primary goal is to evaluate the car's performance under extreme conditions, the company is naturally pleased when the technology and performance of its vehicles is proved under the pressures of competition.

**World Rally Championship**

In 1995, Mitsubishi was the most successful manufacturer in Group N in the WRC, winning all but one (Monte Carlo) of the eight rounds to take the Production Cars World Cup for Manufacturers. One of Mitsubishi's drivers, Rui Madeira of Portugal, won the World Cup for Drivers of Production Cars in his Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III.

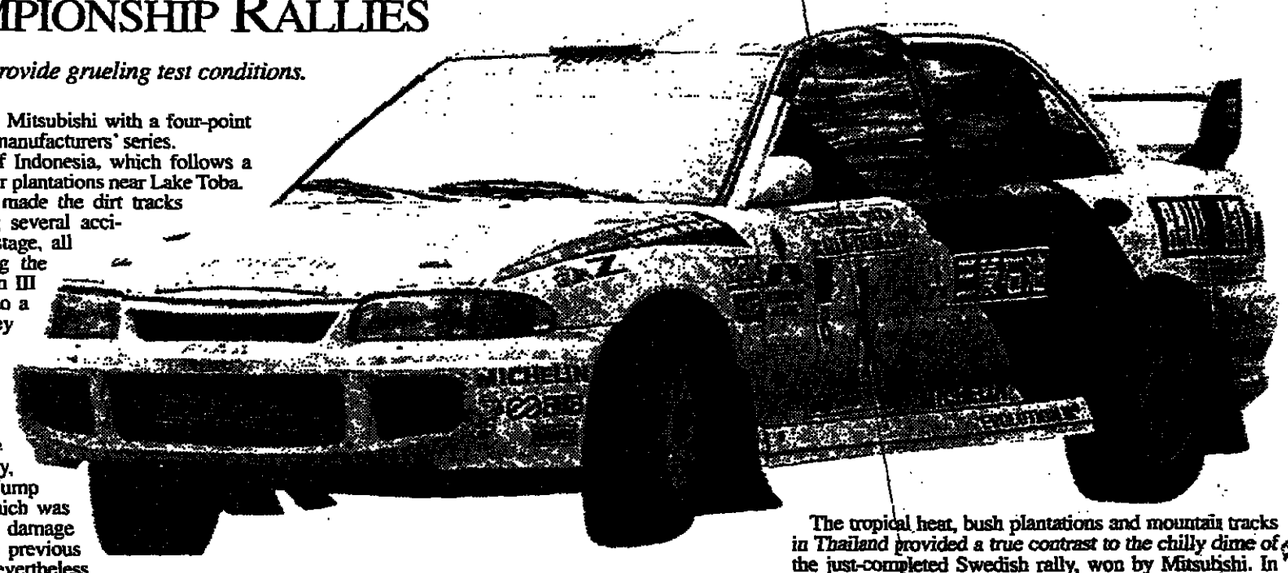
This year's WRC kicked off in February with the International Swedish Rally, followed by the Safari Rally in April, the Rally of Indonesia in May, the Acropolis Rally in June, Rally Argentina in July, the Neste 1,000 Lakes Rally in August, the Telstra Rally Australia in September, the Rallye di Sanremo in October and the Rallye Cataluña Costa Brava in November.

The Lancer Evolution III got a good start this year by coming out on top in the International Swedish Rally, driven by Tommi Makinen and his co-driver Seppo Harjanne, both from Finland. In preparation for the snowy and icy conditions of the rally, Team Mitsubishi Ralliart carried out extensive tests on the car's suspension and tires, working closely with Michelin, which provided the narrow snow tires with hundreds of long metal studs to maximize grip. The Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III's advanced traction-control system, which ensures that power and torque are delivered in exactly the right quantities to all four driven wheels, also helped to ensure superb handling on roads in even the iciest conditions.

A total of 18 Mitsubishi cars were entered in the Group N category. The rally began in Karlstad and covered 496 kilometers (308 miles) of competitive driving in 27 stages over a period of three days. In the dramatic Vassjon stage, the cars slipped and slid across a frozen lake, watched by hundreds of thousands of spectators.

The Safari Rally offered an even tougher challenge than the frigid north, with terrain varying from fast, rough tracks in the plains to deep mud holes, twisting gravel roads through pine forest and wide-open rocky plateaux with desert-like conditions. The rally, which started and finished in Nairobi, Kenya, is the longest and most difficult in the WRC series. Once again, the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III scored a convincing victory. Heavy rain and flooding necessitated the cancelling of the first competitive section of the rally, but on the second leg, the sun came out and the temperature rose to over 30 degrees centigrade (86 Fahrenheit), creating abrasive, dry roads. The rally turned into a dramatic battle between the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III driven by Makinen and Harjanne and a Subaru driven by Kenneth Eriksson, but the Mitsubishi won out in the end, leaving Mitsubishi with a four-point lead in the championship's manufacturers' series.

Next up was the Rally of Indonesia, which follows a course through oil and rubber plantations near Lake Toba. Unfortunately, heavy rains made the dirt tracks extremely slippery, causing several accidents. During the seventh stage, all the front runners, including the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III driven by Makinen, slid into a bridge parapet when they encountered unexpected standing water. The Lancer's body shell and suspension were damaged by the collision, but the car managed to stay among the leaders until the second day, when a hard landing after a jump broke the car's radiator, which was badly positioned after the damage caused to the body by the previous day's accident. Mitsubishi nevertheless held second place in the World Championship for Manufacturers after the Indonesia event.

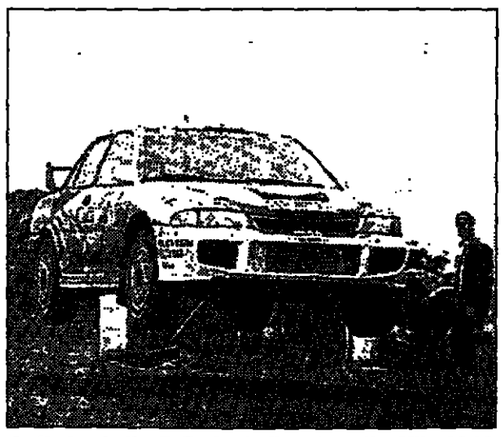


Things were looking up after the Acropolis Rally in Greece. The Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III driven by Makinen and Harjanne took second place. Equipped with new tires developed by Michelin for the hot, dusty and extremely abrasive conditions but held back by a bent steering arm, the Mitsubishi fought it out with a Subaru, which eventually took first place by a mere 50 seconds. Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution IIIs took first, second and third place in the Group N category in Greece. Mitsubishi stayed in second place in the World Championship for Manufacturers.

Changing continents and moving southward, Mitsubishi took its drivers and Lancers to Rally Argentina for the first time. Mitsubishi swept to victory in the rally, and once again took the first three places in the Group N category. In spite of tight road timing, high elevations and occasional icy conditions, the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III driven by Makinen and Harjanne had a nearly trouble-free run on this extremely difficult course. The win helped Mitsubishi close the gap in the World Championship for Manufacturers, leaving it only 22 points behind leader Subaru.

Mitsubishi was on a roll, and the next rally took drivers Makinen and Harjanne back home to Finland for the Neste 1,000 Lakes Rally, where a stunning victory brought the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III back into first place in the World Championship for Manufacturers. The rally was a surprisingly tough one: The weather was unusually hot, and loose gravel made the road slippery.

The competitors then headed Down Under for Rally Australia, where yet another win confirmed the performance of the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III and made driver Tommi Makinen the 1996 World Rally Champion. In the Group N category, Mitsubishi took first and second places, and Mitsubishi increased its lead over Subaru in the World Championship for Manufacturers. All this in spite of torrential rains that created a sea of mud during the second stage and a swollen river that brought four cars to a halt on another stage. "Both cars have run like clockwork, and the drivers have done everything we could have asked for in the worst conditions we've ever seen in Australia," said Team Petronas Mitsubishi Ralliart's director, Andrew Cowan, after the rally.



***A pit stop in the Rally Australia, where the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III chalked up another win.***

Onward to Italy for the Sanremo Rally, where the Mitsubishi team faced especially tough conditions in the only rally to combine loose-surface and asphalt stages. The first day's hot sunshine, which placed great strain on the tires in the abrasive stages and brought out huge crowds of spectators, turned to torrential rain on the second leg in Tuscany. On the last day of the grueling rally, weather conditions changed continually, with rain and fog on the mountain roads in Liguria. Team Winfield Mitsubishi Ralliart took eighth place thanks to its consistent times on the final, all-asphalt leg, and Mitsubishi stayed in second place in the World Championship for Manufacturers. In Group N, the Lancer Evolution IIIs scored a resounding success, taking first place once more.

At the Rallye Cataluña Costa Brava, the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III driven by Tommi Makinen won fifth place.

**Asia-Pacific Rally Championship**

In 1995, Mitsubishi Team Ralliart won the top honors in the Asia-Pacific Rally Championship for Manufacturers with its Lancer Evolution III. This year, Mitsubishi competed in the Singha PTT International Rally of Thailand in March, the Rally of Indonesia (also part of the WRC) in May, the Rally of Malaysia in June, the Rally New Zealand in July, the Telstra Rally Australia (also part of the WRC) in September and the Hong Kong to Beijing Rally in October.

The tropical heat, bush plantations and mountain tracks in Thailand provided a true contrast to the chilly climes of the just-completed Swedish rally, won by Mitsubishi. In Thailand, Mitsubishi took fourth place overall and first in Group N with Karamjit Singh and Allen Oh driving a Mitsubishi Proton Wira 4WD (identical to the Lancer Evolution III). This was an impressive result in a difficult rally, in which only 14 of the 40 cars that started the race made it to the finish line.

Mitsubishi took second place in the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Cup for Manufacturers, just after Subaru.



***Mitsubishi won a hard-fought victory on the abrasive, dry roads of the Safari Rally, the longest and most difficult World Rally Championship series.***

On to Malaysia, where Mitsubishi held on to second place in the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Cup for Manufacturers thanks to strong showings by two Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution IIIs, which came in second and third. Mitsubishi also took top honors in Group N in this highly challenging race, which was plagued by high temperatures and humidity. Nearly half the stage distance was cancelled because of safety concerns, and only 32 of the 48 starters finished in Kuala Lumpur.

The next stop was the Smokefree Rally New Zealand, where in spite of heavy rains and tricky, slippery roads, the Tam Rothmans Mitsubishi Ralliart's Lancer Evolution III, driven by the British crew of Richard Burns and Robert Reid, took first place. Mitsubishi also dominated the Group N category with another Lancer Evolution III.

The final rally of the FIA Asia-Pacific RallyChampionships was the Hong Kong-Beijing run, a challenging trial that tests both cars and drivers to the limit. Winning this one is "the jewel in the crown," says Team Mitsubishi Ralliart's manager Phil Short.

This epic 3,400 kilometer rally lasts seven days and covers huge distances and dramatically changing conditions, from the tropical heat of Guangdong to the Grand Canyon test in Henan Province. Before the rally, floods had caused extensive damage to roads in southern and central China, the worst of which was repaired by local people in time for the rally. With an audience of 13 million people, this rally is probably the greatest live spectator sport in the world.




***Brian Richard Burns, winner of the Rally New Zealand.***

All this makes Mitsubishi's stunning sweep of the Hong Kong-Beijing rally even more spectacular, with Lancer Evolution IIIs taking first, second and third place. For the second year running, Mitsubishi won the FIA Asia-Pacific Rally Championship Manufacturers Cup, ahead of competitor Subaru and Ford.

It's been a good year for the Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution III on the international rally circuit. The car has proved itself with victoies in Europe (Sweden and Finland), Africa (Kenya), Oceania (Australia and New Zealand), South America (Argentina) and Asia (Hong Kong-Beijing).

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### MITSUBISHI LANCER EVOLUTION III RALLY SPECIFICATIONS

**Dimensions**
Overall length: 4,310 mm
Overall width: 1,695 mm

**Engine**
Model: 4 G 63
Type: 4 cylinders, 16-valve DOHC
Fuel system: ECI-Multi-inter-cooled turbocharger
Bore x stroke: 85.0 x 88.0 mm
Displacement: 1,997 cc
Maximum output: 198 Kw (290 ps)/6,000 rpm
Maximum torque: 440 Nm (45.0 kg m)/4,000 rpm

**Drive system**
Full-time 4-wheel drive

**Transmission**
6-speed manual

**Steering**
Power-assisted rack and pinion

**Suspension**
Front: Independent, Macpherson struts with coil spring
Rear: Independent, multi-link with trailing arms and coil spring

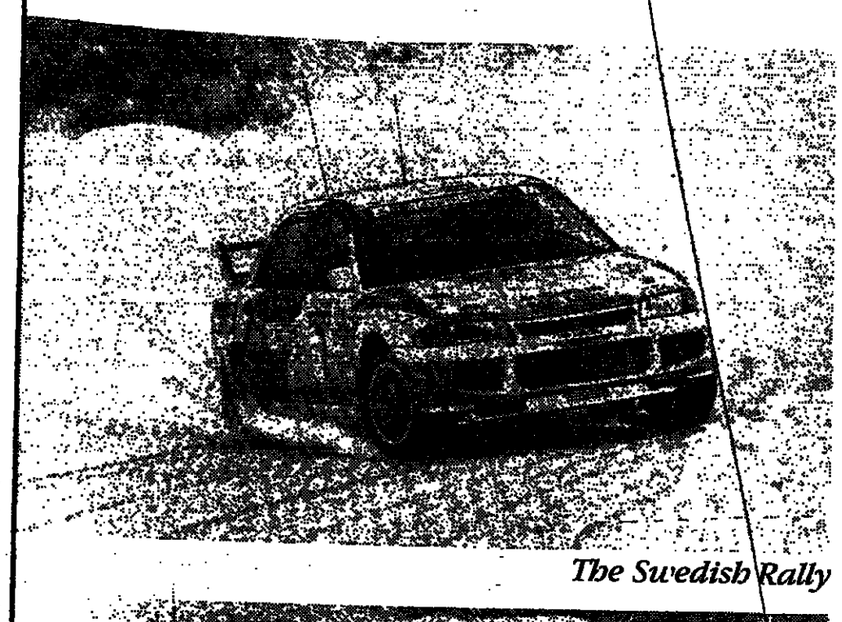
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**Brakes**
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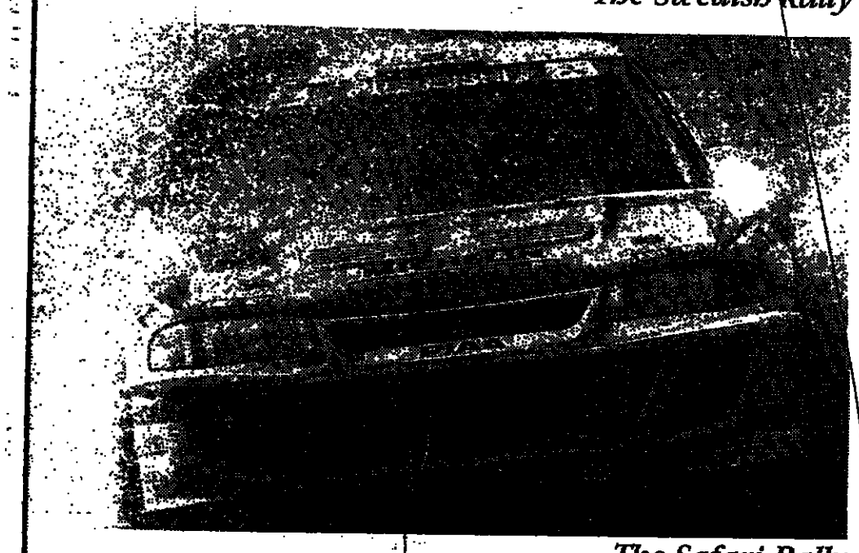
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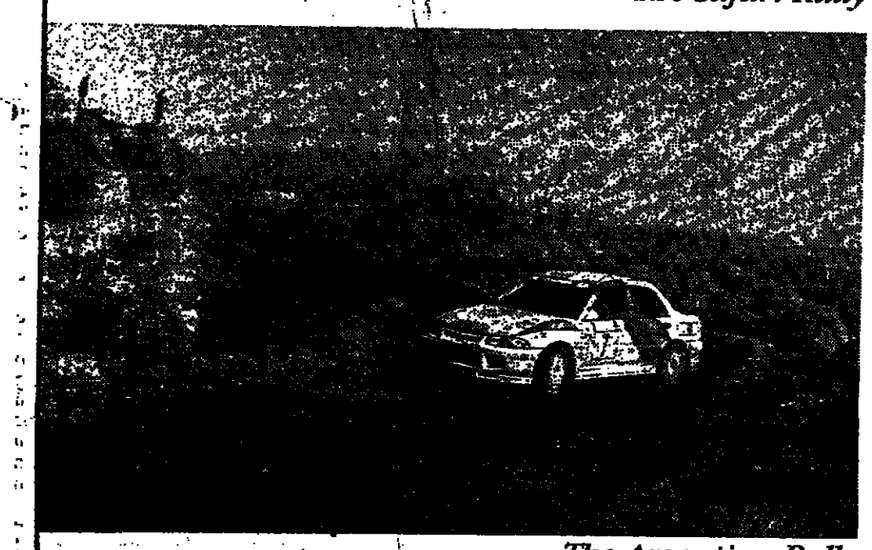
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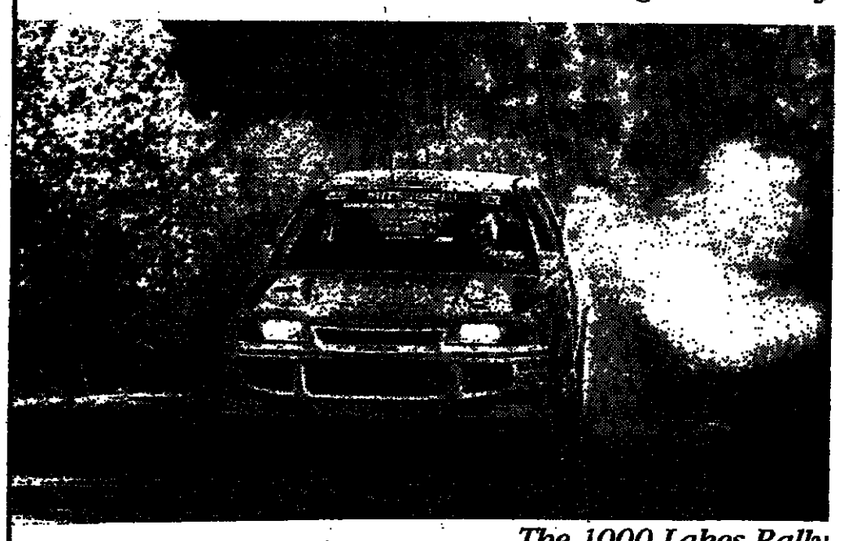
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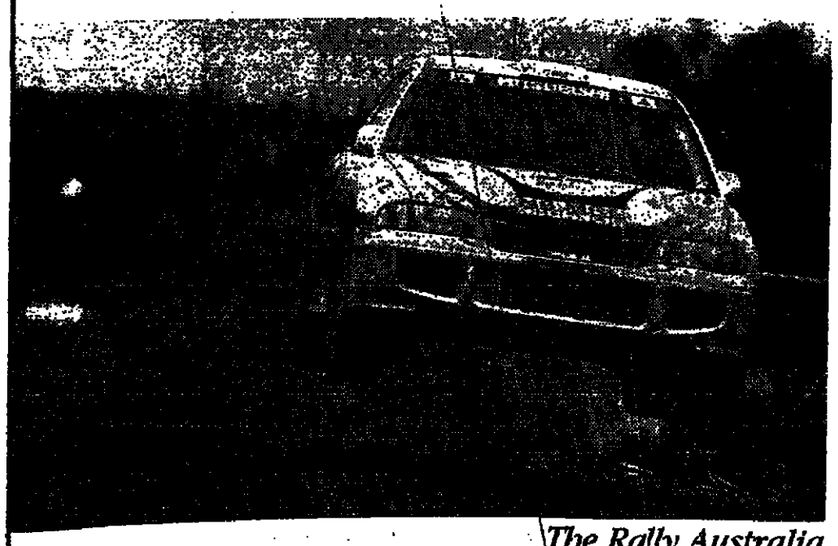
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# UN: *Africans Seek a Candidate*

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mitted to the council, possibly by Friday: The UN undersecretary-general, Kofi Annan of Ghana, head of UN peacekeeping operations; former Prime Minister Hamid Algabid of Niger, the secretary-general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and Foreign Minister Amara Essy of the Ivory Coast.

The United States cast the only veto against Mr. Boutros Ghali in a first-round vote in the 15-member Security Council on Nov. 19. The other 14 members voted for the secretary-general.

The United States is one of the five permanent members of the Security Council with veto power. The veto blocked Mr. Boutros Ghali's candidacy, but could not kill it.

"I'm still a candidate and still the only candidate for Africa," Mr. Boutros Ghali said Wednesday.

He said the suspension meant simply that he was asking the council not to include him in further votes until he again presented his name.

A European diplomat characterized the decision as a face-saving move by Mr. Boutros Ghali. By removing his name from active consideration, he would not have to see his support dwindle in a series of Security Council votes.

In Washington, a White House spokesman, James Fetig, welcomed Mr. Boutros Ghali's decision to suspend his candidacy, saying it would allow the names of "other well-qualified African candidates" to be forwarded to the Security Council for consideration.

Council members could begin informal polls Monday to eliminate weaker candidates.

Some diplomats said it was not certain that any of the candidates could win significant support.

Mr. Annan is believed to be supported unofficially by Washington, which could make him unacceptable to China and France.

Mr. Algabid, comes from a country, Niger, whose democratically elected government was deposed in a military coup.

Mr. Essy, who is close to France, won marks for helping broker a peace agreement that end a five-year civil war in Sierra Leone.

But it is unclear whether he would be any more aggressive than Mr. Boutros Ghali in promoting UN reform.

The United States, in announcing in July that it would veto Mr. Boutros Ghali's reelection, asserted that he had not been vigorous in pursuing reform of the United Nations.

If none of the Africans muster enough support, Mr. Boutros Ghali could remain a possible compromise — but the United States has ruled that out.

Sources close to the secretary-general, speaking on condition of anonymity, said his advisers were considering a number of scenarios for a "graceful exit."



**Madeleine Albright**
*Secretary of State*
Albright, 59, is a naturalized American citizen, the daughter of a Czech diplomat. As UN ambassador, she has been known as a hawk on Bosnia intervention and NATO expansion.



**William Cohen**
*Defense Secretary*
Cohen, 56, is a Republican moderate who announced this year he was retiring from the Senate after three terms. He cast one of the first Republican votes to impeach President Nixon.



**Anthony Lake**
*CIA Director*
Lake, 57, served in the State Department in both the Nixon and Carter administrations. He taught at Mount Holyoke College before joining the Clinton administration as national security adviser.



**Samuel Berger**
*National Security Adviser*
Berger, 51, was a partner in a Washington law firm. He worked in the Carter administration, and was Lake's deputy national security adviser.

# CABINET: *Albright for State, Cohen for Defense*

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from the Senate this year, is considered a conservative on military issues who would be restrained about plunging U.S. forces into foreign adventures.

Key Senate Republicans have indicated that they expect Mrs. Albright, Mr. Lake and Mr. Cohen to be confirmed with little trouble. Mr. Berger's nomination does not require Senate confirmation. But Mrs. Albright may be called on to explain the U.S. role in the United Nations, an organization unpopular with some conservatives.

Asked whether he expected her to be confirmed, Mr. Clinton said, "I do." He added that while he was proud to appoint the first woman as secretary of state, "it had nothing to do with her getting the job." Female voters were a decisive factor in Mr. Clinton's re-election, and the administration has come under pressure to reflect that in high-level appointments.

Mr. Christopher and Mr. Perry, both of whom enjoyed the president's support, are resigning to return to private life.

John Deutch, the director of central intelligence, apparently will be returning to the private sector. He had been mentioned as a possible successor either to Mr. Perry or to Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary.

Mrs. Albright is praised by many as tough but persuasive in her advocacy of U.S. positions, exceptionally knowledgeable about foreign affairs and loyal to the administration.

Some detractors say she can be strident, and they see little evidence in her — or in the other newly named members of the national security team — of an ability to formulate a broad, strategic vision.

Mrs. Albright was the first U.S. delegate to the United Nations to be a member of the cabinet and also a full participant in the National Security Council.

She has gained the favor of some conservatives by her tough criticism of the Communist government of Cuba and her vigorous calls for UN reform. Senator Jesse Helms, the conservative North Carolinian who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, welcomed the appointments and said he expected they would win confirmation. He called Mrs. Albright "a tough and courageous lady."

Mr. Cohen developed a reputation of fierce independence in his six years in the House and 18 in the Senate. He was one of the Republicans to vote to bring impeachment charges against President Richard Nixon. As a key member of the Armed Services Committee, he joined conservatives on many military and foreign policy issues, while working with moderates on social policy.

Mr. Lake, 57, worked in the Nixon White House under Henry Kissinger and in the Carter State Department under Cyrus Vance.

He is described as a man uncomfortable in the spotlight, but keenly competitive, with a sharp understanding of the effect of foreign policy on domestic politics.

The careers of Mr. Lake and Mr. Berger, 51, have long been intertwined. In the Carter administration, Mr. Berger was deputy director of State Department policy planning under Mr. Lake. In the fall of 1991, Mr. Berger recruited Mr. Lake as a foreign policy adviser to Mr. Clinton.

Earlier, George Mitchell, a former Maine senator, had been described as the leading candidate for secretary of state. But some Republicans had complained that he was too partisan.

# Symbols, but Not Change

## *Clinton's Appointments Suggest Continuity*

By Dan Balz
*Washington Post Service*

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton made a dramatic statement Thursday about the importance of diversity, loyalty and personal chemistry in the construction of a second-term cabinet. But in unveiling his new national security team, he left unanswered the crucial question of where he hopes to take foreign and defense policy in the next four years.

A month ago, wholesale departures from his cabinet signaled the possibility of significant changes in a second term. But that looked more doubtful after the first round of appointments.

What was most notable about the nominations was their symbolic significance: Madeleine Albright as the nation's first female secretary of state and Senator William Cohen as a prominent Republican in a Democratic administration.

But the implicit message in the Oval Office ceremony Thursday was one of continuity more than of change, both in personnel and in policy. And in naming Senator Cohen to head the Pentagon, Mr. Clinton put a politician with no managerial experience in charge of the government's largest bureaucracy.

"It's not clear what it adds up to, which suggests that the president hasn't quite determined in his own mind just what the foreign policy of a second Clinton term will be," said Richard Haas, who served on the National Security Council staff during the Bush administration.

Stephen Hess, a scholar at the Brookings Institution, said, "In the policy point of view, it doesn't suggest that he has a world view. It doesn't suggest that he's going to break new ground. He's picked people who do not have global views, who are not strategic, long-term thinkers."

Mr. Clinton long has prized collegiality among his top advisers, and the selection of his second-term cabinet continues the path he blazed four years ago in putting together teams of people, rather than simply filling vacancies one by one. Mrs. Albright, Anthony Lake and Samuel Berger, who was promoted to national security adviser after

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spending four years as Mr. Lake's deputy, are not only known quantities to Mr. Clinton, but also to one another. All three proved immensely loyal to Mr. Clinton in his first term as part of a team that included Warren Christopher as secretary of state.

Mr. Clinton's first term was notable for the lack of bureaucratic infighting that marked the national security teams in both the Reagan and Carter administrations, and he appears determined not to fall off track in his second term.

It is striking that among those under consideration for the national security team, those with reputations for abrasiveness, partisanship or prickly independence — Richard Holbrooke, the former assistant secretary of state; George Mitchell, former Senate majority leader; Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia, and John Deutch, the CIA director, lost out in the competition.

Only Senator Cohen, a liberal Republican, comes with a reputation for independence, but the president brushed aside any concerns about that, saying, "I think a man with a creative, independent, inquiring mind is just what is needed for this team."

Mr. Clinton was drawn to Senator Cohen in part because he represents the symbol of bipartisanship that has been a staple of the president's rhetoric since his election-night victory speech in which he spoke enthusiastically about nurturing the "vital center" of American politics. But at least one scholar who has studied presidential transitions believes that is an overvalued commodity, in particular for the post of secretary of defense.

"I think it's of marginal value," said Charles Jones of the University of Wisconsin. But he added, "If Clinton thinks he's done something with that, that's important because then he's getting himself in the mood to work with this Congress. That's what I see as important."

# DAEWOO: *Racism Charged*

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themselves: 'Have you heard about what France did to Daewoo? From now on, we have to be more careful in doing business in France.'" he said.

In Singapore, the head of a French financial institution said the decision "seriously questions the attraction of future foreign investment under France's privatization program."

He added, "I'm frankly disappointed by this going back on a deal, and it sends the wrong message to investors, and it is inconsistent with the privatization policy."

The purchase of Thomson Multimedia would have transformed the struggling Daewoo Electronics into the world's biggest television maker, with established brand names and leading-edge technology.

"Thomson would have given it a shot at the big league," said Stephen Marvin, head of research at Ssangyong Investment & Securities Ltd.

France's finance minister, Jean Arthuis, said the commission had been reluctant because of the transfer of technology involved, but in Paris sources said the privatization panel had doubted Daewoo's capacity to improve Thomson's performance.

*(AFP, AFX, Reuters)*

**■ Left Hails Cancellation**

*Joseph Fitchett of the International Herald Tribune reported from Paris:*

While critics lined up to assail France's blunder in the handling of the sale of Thomson, trade unionists, leaders of the opposition Socialist Party and mayors from several dozen towns with Thomson factories hailed the cancellation.

They said the government should abandon altogether its plans to privatize Thomson. To lure buyers now, the government may have to split Thomson into its components, Thomson-CSF and Thomson Multimedia.

Acknowledging that Thomson may have to be sold piecemeal, Mr. Arthuis reaffirmed the government's determination to get Thomson out of the public sector, perhaps by next spring.

On its own, Thomson-CSF would quickly attract buyers, including Lagardere, which has said it will maintain its effort to merge Thomson's defense business with that of its own missile maker, Matra. The combined company would form the cornerstone of a European multinational defense-electronic manufacturer big enough to compete with American companies such as Raytheon Co.

But the problem of finding a buyer for Thomson Multimedia looks even more difficult now that French unions claim to have defeated the government's attempt to impose new management.

In joining Lagardere's bid, Daewoo had emerged as a potential savior for Thomson Multimedia by promising enough fresh capital to create 5,000 jobs in France while expanding the company's operations. Those promises were deemed unreliable by the privatization commission.

"Amateurism," charged the newspapers Liberation and Le Monde, saying that the procedure had been so badly managed that the government only learned that it had a problem Monday, five days after the privatization commission had reached a negative verdict.

All along, the trade unions and some government officials have called for an "all-French solution" — in practice, selling Thomson as a whole to Alcatel Alsthom, the telecommunications giant. Alcatel expressed interest Wednesday in reopening talks about buying Thomson, but the company has indicated that it wants to learn the government's new rules before it makes any commitment.

The government said Thursday it planned to proceed with a capital injection of 14 billion francs ($2.64 billion) into Thomson this month. In all, the government is pouring 24.6 billion francs into state-owned companies this year.

# 'Superbug' Is Spotted By British Doctors

*Reuters*

LONDON — Doctors said they feared they had seen a true superbug — a microbe that thrived on the antibiotics that were supposed to kill it.

The British doctors said they had managed to kill off the infection, with difficulty, but were struck by the fact that the bacteria had managed to mutate to such an extent so quickly.

"Have we at last witnessed the emergence of a true superbug?" they asked in a letter in Friday's issue of the journal Lancet.

The cases showed a further step in the evolution of a microbe — from being affected by a drug to resisting it and then to depending on the drug — said Ian Eltringham at the Department of Medical Microbiology at St. George's Hospital.

The bacteria "could only survive if you gave it the antibiotic," he said. "The bug's poison became its food."

Doctors have been warning that overuse of antibiotics is helping some micro-organisms evolve into strains that can resist all drugs. This mutation went further.

The infection involved Enterococcus faecium, a common intestinal bacteria that normally can be treated with the antibiotic vancomycin.

# Suspected Muslim Militants Kill 10 Civilians in Algeria

*Reuters*

PARIS — Ten civilians were killed overnight on a farm in Algeria, security forces said Thursday.

The official Algerian press agency APS said the victims had been "assassinated in a cowardly way," a phrase used by Algerian authorities to denote an attack by Muslim fundamentalisis, who often slit their victims' throats.

The killings took place on a farm near Boufarik, about 30 kilometers (20 miles) south of Algiers. The town lies in the province of Blida, whose provincial capital is both the headquarters of the main Algerian military region and a bastion of Muslim fundamentalism.

Algerian authorities have blamed Muslim fundamentalists for a series of massacres of civilians in the past two months, usually in isolated villages during the night.

Last month, suspected fundamentalists killed 18 people in two overnight attacks in Medea Province, bringing to more than 90 the number of people who have died in two weeks.

About 60,000 people in Algeria have been killed since early 1992, when the authorities canceled a general election in which radical Islamists had taken a commanding lead.

# FRANCE: *Bombing on a Paris Train Shatters Newlyweds' Life*

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banks won a promotion. He was to start work at his company's office in Paris next month.

Ms. Viel quit her job to go with him and, according to Nicole Lalonde, a neighbor who acted as witness, they celebrated a quiet wedding in Montreal on Friday. They left Sunday, intending to meet real-estate agents and visit apartments in Paris the following day.

"Everything was going so well in their life," Ms. Lalonde told Radio Canada. "They were a perfect couple, deeply in love and looking forward to a new adventure." Both were in their early 30s.

She said the couple had intended to return to Montreal this weekend to celebrate the wedding with family and friends. Instead, the families flew to Paris on Thursday to mourn.

"They were two people who were very much in love with each other and were the very best of friends," said Mr. Stonebanks's father, Roger Stonebanks, a reporter at the Times-Colonist newspaper in Victoria. "They had their whole future ahead of them."

He told the Montreal Gazette that his son was in serious condition, but would "make a full recovery."

A spokeswoman at the hospital, where Mr. Stonebanks received skin grafts to help heal the burns to his head, hands and legs, said psychiatric counselors were standing by to deal with the injuries that were not visible — frustration, helplessness and grief.

The man sitting across from the couple who was killed, Lucien Devambez, 41, was an activist in the 1980s for the independence of the French territory of New Caledonia in the Pacific.

Late Thursday, a 25-year-old Moroccan became the third person to die from the bombing. Mohammed Ben Chaou, who was studying in Paris, died in a hospital of serious burns.

A total of 33 people were still hospitalized Thursday night.

French officials say they believe that the bomb was almost certainly planted by Algerian fundamentalist terrorists. The deadly gas canister was a typical weapon of the Islamic extremists who terrorized France last year and are feared to be on the rampage once again.

Interior Minister Jean-Louis Debre said that French intelligence services had been receiving information for several months about the possible renewal of bomb attacks.

Mr. Debre said the forthcoming trial of 34 Islamic fundamentalists accused of carrying out terrorist acts in Morocco and a recent referendum in Algeria that increased the powers of the government there could have been the motives for the attack.

The fundamentalists see France as an enemy for its support of the military government in Algeria.

Mr. Debre said there were "extremely worrying similarities" between the attack and the eight bombings or attempted bombings last year, in which eight people were killed and 160 wounded.

The explosion at the Port Royal station in the heart of Paris on Tuesday occurred on the same line of the RER suburban network as the first bombing in July 1995, and one of the similarities Mr. Debre alluded to could be the prospect of another spate of attacks. The government drafted more than 3,500 troops and gendarmes to help the police patrol stations, frontiers and public places.

The police appealed to passengers who had boarded or left the train anywhere along the line to get in touch with investigators seeking to build up a picture of the bomber and possible accomplices.

Mr. Debre said France had been at "constant risk" since the bombings last year. He said the police had arrested and jailed almost 200 Islamists following those attacks.

Butane or gas canisters of the type used to make the bomb that destroyed a Paris suburban train are commonly used for cooking and heating. The cylinders weighing about 13 kilos (28 pounds) and standing less than half a meter high, are easily purchased in hardware stores and service stations. Police say the terrorists emptied the canister of gas, and then filled it with a mixture of gunpowder, nails of various sizes and other bomb ingredients. They used an ordinary kitchen timer to set off the bomb, which was placed in a bag underneath one of the seats of the train.



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# FLEE: *17 Cross China in Biggest Defection From North Korea*

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They were expected to arrive in Seoul early next week.

The family is the largest known to have escaped the North since the 1950-53 Korean War. In 1987, a family of 11 North Koreans defected to South Korea through Japan.

Hong Kong authorities, caught in a delicate diplomatic position by the group's arrival, refused comment.

"China is now the easiest route for North Koreans to flee their country," said Hun Moon Young, a senior researcher at the South Korean-financed Research Institute for National Unification.

"North Korea's border with the South is heavily fortified, seaborne escape to Japan is not easy, but China is just across a river," he said.

In May, Chung Kab Ryol, a scientist at Pyongyang's state research institute, and Chang Hae Song, a scriptwriter, also escaped to Hong Kong through China, ending up in South Korea.

Mr. Chang fled to China after a conversation in which he criticized the North Korean leader, Kim Jong Il, was reported to the authorities. Mr. Chung broke away from a group with which he was traveling in China.

Yu Suk Ryul, a senior fellow at the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, said he expected more escapes from North Korea during the winter when the Yalu and Tumen rivers, which separate the North from China, are frozen.

"There are probably going be more people risking their lives to flee hunger and poverty," he said.

A total of 34 North Koreans, excluding the present 17, have defected from the North to the South this year. There were 38 defections last year and 50 in 1994.

Among North Koreans who sought asylum this year were a pilot in his MiG-19 and a diplomat at North Korea's embassy in Zambia.

Seoul analysts say the Stalinist administration of North Korea is breaking down under acute food and energy shortages and economic difficulties.

Red Cross officials have said the North faces a long-term problem in feeding itself after floods and heavy rains this year and last year destroyed much of its arable land.

North Korea estimates this year's rice harvest will be two million tons short of target, a shortfall of 40 percent of the grain needed to feed its 26 million people through 1997.

Official figures show 140 North Korean defectors have been allowed to settle in the South since 1991.

South Korean officials say hundreds more North Koreans are waiting in China and other countries to defect to the South after escaping the food shortages in the North. *(Reuters, AFP)*

**■ South Warns of Provocations**

South Korea, saying North Korea has massed long-range artillery and fighters near their border in recent years, warned Thursday against more military provocations by the Communist country, Reuters reported from Seoul.

President Kim Young Sam told a meeting of military leaders that a September intrusion by a North Korean submarine into South Korean waters illustrated Pyongyang's intention of trying to take the South by force.

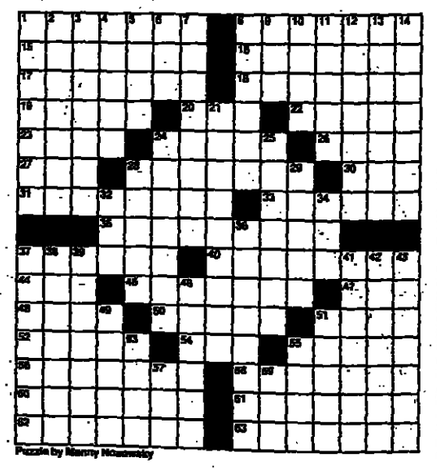
Mr. Kim was speaking after military leaders said the North had massed weapons and troops near the Demilitarized Zone since President Kim Il Sung died in 1994.

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25 Obscurities
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Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

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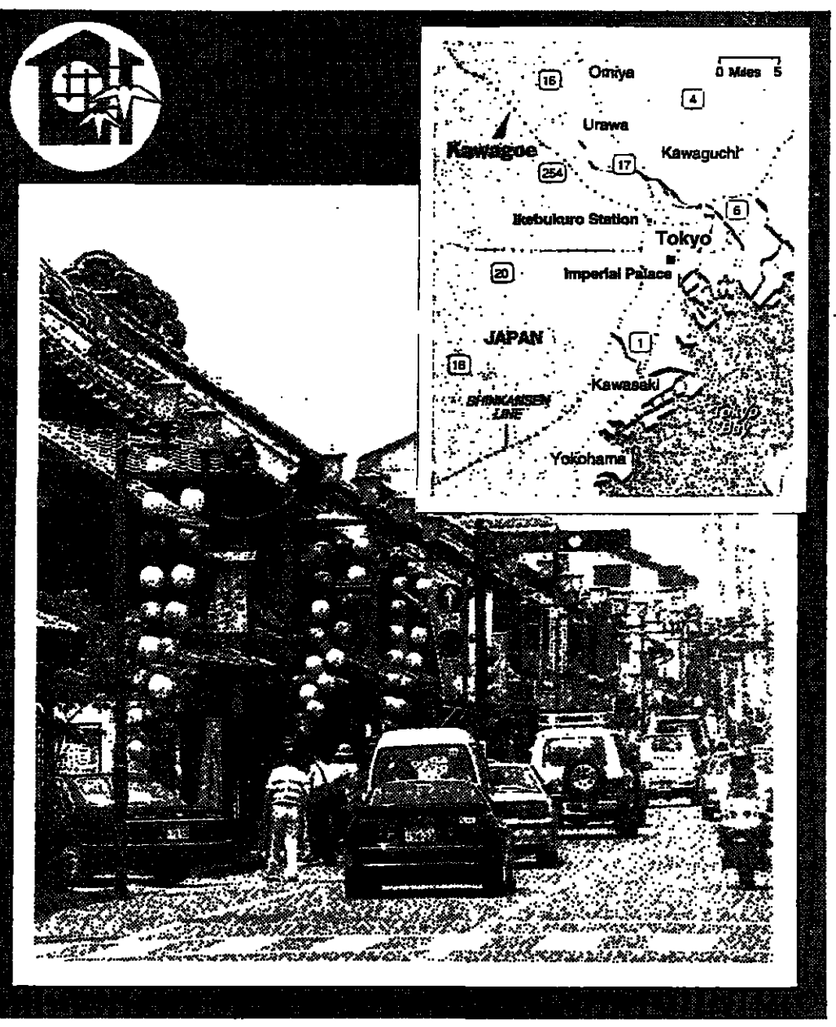
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# Storehouses of History: The Charms of Japan's Little Edo






Kaku Kurita for The New York Times

*Kawagoe is renowned for its temples, a castle and great sweet potatoes. At left, a vast array of goods makes the flea market at Narita-san Temple one of the Tokyo area's best; at right, kurazukuri storehouses line a street.*

By Carol Lutfy

KAWAGOE, Japan — The seasoned vendor with unruly white eyebrows and a towel around his head grunted thanks as I paid for a beat-up, backpack-like basket used for carrying tea. Strapping it around my shoulders, I pushed through the flea-market crowds at Narita-san Temple — eyeing piles of old silk kimonos, rows of hand-wrought farm tools, a 1950s Columbia record player here, a perfectly preserved navy officer's uniform there — until I found my companion for the day and my reason for going to the city of Kawagoe 10 years ago: the Kongoh family, lost in thought over a display of antique tea bowls.

When I first arrived on the doorstep of the Kongohs, my Japanese homestay family, Kawagoe seemed both proud of its past and intent on its privacy. Back then the low-key pleasures of the former castle town were scarcely known. But by last February — nine prime ministers and a full-blown recession later — the city was blossoming, almost in spite of itself, into a bustling tourist town.

Kawagoe, northwest of the capital, has always existed in the shadow of older, more graceful Tokyo-area cities, like Kamakura and Nikko. But while the latter evoke Japan's enlightened cultural past, Kawagoe is heavy on homespun charm. The city of 320,000 has built a name on its distinctive type of sweet potatoes and its indestructible 100-year-old storehouses, once used mainly for rice. It's a partying town, noted for its raucous festival every fall.

My homestay father, Hojo-san (a respectful term meaning something like abbot), had grown up in Kawagoe as the youngest son of a prominent monk in the Rinzai school of Buddhism. After studying Buddhism for several years, he too became a monk and acquired his own temple, called Seirinji, on the city outskirts, which he runs today with the help of his wife and three college-age children. I stayed there on and off over the course of an eight-year period. It was through their easygoing hospitality that I grew to appreciate the unpretentious flavor of Kawagoe.

### Authenticity and Old Silk

Known as Little Edo (Edo is Tokyo's former name), Kawagoe calls forth a more elaborate, if rural, version of the capital's colorful, old-fashioned neighborhoods. It has a handsome, well-to-do merchant quarter, replete with the blackened clay and plaster storehouses. It is brimming over with dozens of old temples once patronized by the lords who ruled the district. A stroll through the city's outskirts reveals part-time farmers in traditional cotton bonnets and pants coaxing vegetables out of pint-size patches of land.

With no aspirations as a tourist destination, Kawagoe is not always in tune with the pleasures of its visitors. Some of the town's greatest treasures, like the former residence at Kita-in Temple, are in shabby condition. Others, like Toshogu Shrine, are off-limits to the public. And wherever you go, information in English is exceedingly hard to come by.

But if authenticity has its costs, it also has its charms, some of which I rediscovered during a daylong tour of the city in the company of the Kongoh family. Our walking tour began at the Narita-san Temple flea market, widely acknowledged to be one of the best in the Tokyo area. Prices are low and offerings are vast, but the atmosphere lent by the weathered 146-year-old temple accounts for much of the attraction.

Meandering under the morning sun, I was struck as much by the huge volume of shoppers as by their unlikely purchases — fabric remnants, old watches, used woolen cookie molds, ceramic sake bottles, farmers' clothes. Even five years ago, Japanese would have laughed these items off as junk. But with so much of their culture lost to ad-hoc modernization, they have become nostalgic for even small remnants of the recent past. This also explains, in a way, why Kawagoe has suddenly come into vogue: With high-end merchandise scarce and unaffordable, low culture has become a marketable commodity.

FROM the flea market, we walked up the hill behind Narita-san to Kita-in Temple, one of Kawagoe's main claims to fame. Founded in 830, Kita-in is the head temple of the Tendai sect of Buddhism in eastern Japan. It prospered in the 17th century under the leadership of Tenkai Sojo, whose close relationship with Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu points to the power that Kawagoe once commanded. The shogun complied with Tenkai's wish to move part of Edo Castle to the Kita-in site after a fire in 1638 destroyed most of the temple compound. This is the only original part of the former Edo castle to have survived anywhere in Japan.

The most enchanting part of the Kita-in complex is Gohyaku Rakan (the 500 Disciples of Buddha), a stark sculpture garden near Kita-in's northern gate. The moss-covered stone statues, sitting side-by-side, have a few common characteristics — most notably long earlobes (meant to signify wealth) — but each is pointedly different: scratching his head, stroking a dog, holding a child, ringing a bell. According to the assistant head monk at Kita-in, the sculptures were begun in 1782 by a monk named Shijo to repent for his sins. After his death, fellow monks carried on the project, in part as an offering against a famine plaguing the region at the time. They completed 540 statues by 1825.

To the south of Kita-in, past a cluster of cherry trees, is Toshogu Shrine, another Kawagoe treasure. The inner shrine of the color-drenched Toshogu is breathtaking. Trimmed in gold leaf, it is ornamented with elaborate carvings of animals and paintings in blue, yellow and red. Unfortunately, its splendor is obstructed by a tall wrought-iron fence. My homestay father thought this was the right safeguard against vandalism; I disagreed. Luckily, the aroma of roasted sweet potatoes cut our argument short; and we headed off to satisfy our craving.

**SWEET POTATOES GALORE** Sweet potatoes are to Kawagoe what hot dogs are to Manhattan: It's hard to imagine a street corner without them. First successfully cultivated in Kawagoe in 1751, they became a staple crop after Tokyo residents developed a taste for them around the turn of the century. Resistant to drought, they have served as a mainstay food ever since.

Kawagoe merchants have taken the sweet potato craving to wild extremes, producing sweet potato crackers, cakes, ice cream, noodles, dumplings and whisky. One of the most venerable shops is Yado Hiramotoya, a closet-like place where an ancient-looking woman watching sumo wrestling on television pulled her last six roasted potatoes out of a special kiln oven for us.

We ate them, skin and all, as we strolled to our next destination: the main street of *kurazukuri* storehouses, which have come to symbolize Kawagoe. During its golden age in the mid-1800s, Kawagoe had more than 200 of these structures. Today there are fewer than 30, most of which were built after the great fire of 1893.

The Osawa family owns Kawagoe's oldest storehouse, built in 1792. Though now a run-of-the-mill tourist shop, Osawa-ke retains some special features. The house was built without nails, and the hardware is handmade. The outside doors still close from the top, like garage doors. And the *hakkokaidan*, literally box staircase, at the back of the shop, which doubles as storage, is now rare.

Our final destination was Yoju-in, the temple where Hojo-san was born and where his oldest brother is now head monk. There are 72 temples in Kawagoe, and this one, though enormous for a private residence, has relatively little historic significance; consequently it receives few visitors.

As we strolled through the outer garden, flowering with camellias, I couldn't help feeling proprietary about the city. Kawagoe is irrevocably on the tourist map, but it is still my home away from home.

*Carol Lutfy, a journalist who writes frequently about Asia, wrote this for The New York Times.*

DINING

# Young Chef Dons Toque Of a Master

By Patricia Wells
*International Herald Tribune*

PARIS — The strongest legacy a chef can bequeath is a core of chefs trained to reflect his style and manner. Joel Robuchon, who retired from the stove but not the food world in July, has done just that. This week and next, I turn my eye and palate to the current Robuchon endowment, beginning with Benoit Guichard.

In 16 years of visiting Paris kitchens I've probably spent more time in the presence of Guichard than any other chef. It's no surprise that this 35-year-old is not a household name, for he has spent the past 15 years in the shadow of his master.

Beginning his work as an underling with Robuchon in 1980 at the Hotel Nikko, Guichard has witnessed the complete Robuchon ascension. For the past decade, he served as Robuchon's "chef de cuisine," the good and obedient colonel who carried out the general's orders.

Whether he spent his 16-hour work days in the 16th arrondissement kitchens of Jamin or Restaurant Joel Robuchon, or trained troops in the kitchens of a Tokyo chateau, his was not reason why, but to flawlessly interpret culinary genius.

It's a miracle that he ever found time for a private life, or, what's more, time to think about a culinary style of his own. But style he has, and since early November Guichard is back at the stoves he knows best, in the kitchen of Jamin, where Robuchon rose to fame in the 1980s.




Nicolas Asfouri/IHT

Guichard is a modest, sensible, no-nonsense man, one of honor and high moral integrity. His cuisine follows suit: no fanfare, no breast-beating, no ultrasophistication, no self-indulgence. Just plainly delicious food, prepared with the best ingredients that France can offer.

His menu is brief and to the point, punctuated with original flavors and taste sensations. There are those signature Robuchon ingredients — plump alabaster langoustines and fat Breton scallops, veal kidneys and the much-revered pig — but they are treated with straightforward Guichard style.

Ultrafresh langoustines are paired with spaghetti-sized strips of tender squid with a delicate touch of ginger to make a first-course salad that's ethereally light and refreshing. Perfectly grilled scallops arrive flanked by a crunchy, invigorating salad of black radish, bulb fennel, red onions and apple. Beef shoulder is braised for hours in a black cast-iron casserole, then paired with a sprightly rendition of carrots deglazed with orange juice and infused with cumin. And his love poem to the pig is irresistibly rich and hearty: braised then roasted cheeks and

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# Riding the River Wild in China

By Patrick E. Tyler
*New York Times Service*

WUSHAN, China — It is not often that anyone puts his life in the hands of a total stranger who admits to being a smuggler, a heavy drinker and a daredevil willing to navigate a treacherous river on the blackest of nights to slip an illicit cargo past the police. But this may be necessary for anyone interested in a wild ride up the Daning River in the Three Gorges area of central China.

Lu Houbi, a man with a formidable stubble on his chin and who, like many peasants in Sichuan Province, smokes dried leaf tobacco in a copper pipe, has a way of admitting his shortcomings (that is not what he calls them) while at the same time exuding an unassailable confidence that he is a master of the roaring brown torrent that joins the Yangtze River at the port city of Wushan, or Witch Mountain.

"I have worked for 37 years on this river and I know every turn and every current," he said on a September day's exploration of the area. "I know this river so well that once I even took a boat through here at 2 o'clock in the morning — we were smuggling silk cocoons — and never had a problem," he adds, just putting his passengers at ease.

To watch the 55-year-old boatman guide his well-worn wooden vessel against the deluge is to feel his instinctive connection with the environment he has inhabited all his life. Using hand signals, he gives instructions to the helmsman 40 feet behind him — warning his boat mate to steer left or right as the boat prepares to mount a section of rapids. What makes the ride more terrifying is the traffic. On this day, a dozen other boats are jostling for position in a raucous and dangerous water dance.

The Daning River is so dangerous that it is subject to closing during the flood season in July and August, when the swiftness of the current is such that even the most tenacious boatmen with their shrieking diesels cannot make progress against the tide.

As a tributary of China's longest and most powerful river, the Yangtze, the Daning River is one of the places receiving thousands of tourists each month making the pilgrimage to see the gorges before they are partly inundated with the water that over the next decade will fill in behind the Three Gorges Dam.

### Power of the Current

On this day, Liang Jucheng, the helmsman, stands in the elevated tiller house where he receives Lu's signals and adjusts the controls of the 50-horsepower diesel.

"Every few years a boat spills its passengers into the river," says Lu. "The last time was 1989, I think, and more than 30 people died when a cargo boat carrying passengers hit the rocks. Those that could swim or float to the bank survived." Everyone who died was covered by insurance, he adds, reassuringly.

Liang, a lighthearted fellow with a mischievous grin, also takes the river deadly seriously. A few years ago, his 7-year-old son was playing on a bank north of here when he fell in and drowned. Afterward, Liang and his wife were granted an exception to China's one-child policy. They now have a 1-year-old son at home, but Liang gets to see him only once or twice a month. The boatmen must live on their boats at the port of Wushan, where the tourists come.

Every morning on the waterfront of Wushan, a flotilla of small boats exactly like Lu's loads hundreds of tourists who have descended from Wushan's hotels or from the huge river cruisers that stop here for the wild, half-day ride that provides a spectacular and more intimate view of one of the "small" gorges. The word "small" only means that the width of the Daning River between two sheer rock faces is just 100 feet (30 meters) in some places, but the gorge rises 2,000 feet or more into the heavens.

Many tourists, whose excursion on the Yangtze is arranged through a travel agent, pay $100 or more for the privilege of being packed 40 to a boat, but for anyone traveling solo down the Yangtze — hopping from Russian hydrofoils to tramp steamers — it is possible to simply show up on the Wushan waterfront and hire a boat for the day for a single party for less than $100.

Boats that carry Europeans and Americans are conspicuous because each passenger wears a bright orange life vest. On boats carrying Chinese and Taiwanese tourists, no life vests are visible.

After visiting the Ming Dynasty village of Dachang, where most of our crew lives, the ride downstream is even more breathtaking, not because the scenery is different, but because it goes by at a much higher speed.

Lu seems far more relaxed on this downstream leg. At his feet is a four-gallon jug of white liquor made from the sorghum grown on the surrounding hills, a new supply for the crew. "I am a very responsible boatman," he says. And with a twinkle in his eye, he takes a swig of the fire and offers a taste to his guests.

AS we head into port, dusk is gathering. Most of the boats have been back since early afternoon, as the regular tours take four to five hours. Lu pushes away from the dock and waves good-bye, cradling the liquor jug near his chin. "Don't forget to recommend Lu Houbi to your friends," he says.

I'll have to think about that.

# MOVIE GUIDE

### THE CRUCIBLE

*Directed by Nicholas Hytner. U.S.*

We've grown so accustomed to seeing classic works transposed to jazzier settings that it's startling to see what Nicholas Hytner has done to "The Crucible": played it straight. Yet it is precisely by leaving Arthur Miller's 1953 play so emphatically in the Salem, Massachusetts, of 1692 that Hytner's vibrant screen version succeeds so well in transcending time and place. This agile film is so simply, abstractly rooted in Salem's soil that it becomes free to suggest anything from the impact of religious fundamentalism on politics to the hysterical excess of tabloid television. Along the way, this "Crucible" heals up its dramatic tale of marital betrayal and redemption without losing track of its central concern, the murderous power of lies. The film's opening sequence shakes Salem's primness to its roots, depicting the ritual that was only spoken about in Miller's original version. And Hytner presents it as pure teenage giddiness, since the only witchcraft here is that of lovestruck young girls. Gathering furtively in the woods, they join in a fit of boy-crazy hysteria, with Abigail Williams as their ringleader. Abigail, played wickedly well by Winona Ryder, who is vastly more interesting in headstrong roles, has a scheming, selfish intensity that rings true in any time. The object of her affections, and soon the target of her wrath, is John Proctor, played by Daniel Day-Lewis with charismatic guilt and fury. Proctor's affair with the eager Abigail is now over, but she still wants him and wishes the worst for Elizabeth (Joan Allen), Proctor's stern and upright wife. "The Crucible" is about what happens when Abigail discovers that she can tell invidious tales and be believed, even feared and exploited. The girls, led by a slave from Barbados named Tituba (Charlayne Woodard), are accused of consorting with the devil and promised forgiveness if they will implicate friends and neighbors. And this nightmare begins escalating, with judges arriving in Salem to assess the righteousness of all concerned.

*(Janet Maslin, NYT)*



Twentieth Century Fox

*Daniel Day-Lewis as John Proctor in "The Crucible."*

### THE MIRROR HAS TWO FACES

*Directed by Barbra Streisand. U.S.*

Hey, Funny Girl: Grow up already! "The Mirror Has Two Faces," Barbra Streisand's latest folly, sounds as if it ought to be a horror movie and, sorry to say, it is. Although meant to be a bubbly romantic comedy, the movie is actually a very public tragedy for Streisand, who at 54 still can't quite believe that she's not Michelle Pfeiffer. I know. I know. Middle-age people fall in love, too. Only it's more appropriate, funnier, more eloquent and so on if they act their ages instead of their IQs. Spring has its beauties, then so does fall. Alas, Streisand's lovelorn heroine, Rose Morgan, is privy to neither. Rose, a popular romantic-lit professor at Columbia University, is a woman of an uncertain age. Though her skin's grown slack and her waist thick, Rose still shares her bedroom with a large menagerie of stuffed animals. When her smothering mother (acerbic Lauren Bacall) nags her about her frumpy appearance, Rose, like a rebellious teen, refuses the advice. Elsewhere on campus, handsome math professor Gregory Larkin (affable Jeff Bridges) struggles with an altogether different dilemma. Gorgeous women are drawn to him like magnets to a refrigerator door. Alas, Gregory becomes a total klutz when sexually aroused — and he is easier than most dogs — so he yearns for a platonic union in which intellectual passion replaces sexual heat. At the suggestion of a colleague (George Segal), Gregory places an ad for a woman interested in companionship: "Must have PhD and be over 35. Physical appearance not important." Rose's beautiful sister (Mimi Rogers) plays Cupid and sends Rose's picture to Gregory, who finds her perfect for his purposes. Rose, however, is completely smitten but pretends physical disinterest in hopes of hooking the hunk, who eventually proposes a celibate marriage. Though she has always dreamed of a passionate relationship, Rose accepts the arrangement in hopes that he'll learn to love her for her inner self. The pair quarrel right before Gregory leaves for a three-month speaking tour. While he's away, Rose gets some blond highlights, does exercises with a ferocity that recalls Rocky beating up beef carcasses, slathers on some makeup and buys a new wardrobe and voila, the ugly duckling — duck in this case — has become the proverbial swan. Sorry to say that many viewers may find little difference between Rose Before and Rose After.

*(Rita Kempley, WP)*

### SHINE

*Directed by Scott Hicks. Australia.*

As "Shine" begins, the adult David Helfgott (Geoffrey Rush) appears pitiably, trying to come in out of the rain. Clearly damaged somehow, David fidgets and chatters nervously, keeping his eyes half-shut, clutching too eagerly at the people he sees. The film next observes David as a polite little boy (Alex Rafalowicz) who is filled with promise. He is the apple of his father's eye, admired by teachers and well on his way to a career as a brilliant pianist. What went so wrong? Though "Shine" answers that question in somewhat facile ways, it has been so enveloppingly directed by Scott Hicks, an Australian film maker with many television documentaries to his credit, that its emotional impact is powerful and real. Hicks explores the pathos in David's relationship with his father, an overbearing parent made all the more wrenching by the true tenderness he feels for his boy. As played devastatingly by Armin Mueller-Stahl, Peter Helfgott is a study in anguished contradictions. "Shine" is the story of a real Australian pianist who has triumphed over his painful past. Suffused with beautiful music, much of it performed on the soundtrack by the real Helfgott, "Shine" presents the rigorous, rarefied atmosphere in which David grew up. Early in the film, the father is seen walking stiffly ahead of his son as they return from a piano competition; from this body language alone, David's sister can tell that her brother didn't win. Peter's sternness takes a terrible toll on David. It's not long before the boy begins developing the nervous tics we have seen in the man. Played especially well as an adolescent by Noah Taylor, David begins to strike out on his own. And Peter begins to crush him. Peter's insistence that David master the daunting Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor finally pushes David over the edge. The film's final third, featuring the remarkable Mr. Rush as David many years after his breakdown, tells how David met an astrologer named Gillian (Lynn Redgrave) and found in her a lover who could help and understand him. He regains his powers and recovers from his past not for any reason inherent in the film, but simply because it happened. And because Hicks, for all his film's sophistication, believes in miracles. Or at least in this one.

*(Janet Maslin, NYT)*

# ARTS GUIDE

**AUSTRIA**

**VIENNA**

**KunstHaus Wien**, tel: (1) 712-04-95, open daily. Continuing/To Jan. 26: "Man Ray." More than 150 rare vintage prints depicting the Parisian cultural avant-garde.

**BELGIUM**

**ANTWERP**

**Stadelijk Prentenkabinet**, tel: (3) 232-24-55, closed Mondays, Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1-2. To Jan. 19: "Jan Cox, 1919-1980." A selection of etchings, woodcuts, lithographs and silkscreen prints by the Belgian painter. The founder of Jeune Peinture Belge, Cox briefly associated with Cobra before starting to create works that draw on ancient myths.

**GHENT**

**Flanders Opera**, tel: (9) 225-24-25). World premiere of "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," an opera composed by Pieter Swerts (born 1960) and based on the 18th-century epistolary novel by Choderlos de Laclos. Directed by Philippe Sireuil, conducted by Patrick Davin, with Marilyn Schmiege and Francois Le Roux. Dec 17, 19, 21, 26, 29. Will be performed in Antwerp in January.

**BRITAIN**

**LONDON**

**English National Opera**, tel: (171) 632-8300. Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado." Conducted by John Pryce-Jones, with Richard Suart, Ann Howard and Janis Kelly. Dec. 9, 11 and 14.

**Hayward Gallery**, tel: (171) 928-3144, open daily. To Feb. 23: "Howard Hodgkin: Paintings." More than 50 oil paintings by the British painter (born 1932), who emerged as a major artist in the 1970s. The paintings, more evocative than descriptive, reflect the artist's creed: "The more evanescent the emotion I want to convey, the thicker the panel, the heavier the framing, the more elaborate the border."

**Tate Gallery**, tel: (171) 887-8000, open daily. To Feb. 23: "Nicholas Pope: The Apostles Speaking in Tongues." A series of sculptures by Pope (born 1949) based on traditional religious iconography, forming an ambitious, long-term design for a chapel.

**DENMARK**

**HUMLEBAEK**

**Louisiana Museum of Modern Art**, tel: 49-19-35-05, open daily. Continuing/To Jan. 19: "Picasso and the Mediterranean." Juxtaposes 150 paintings, sculptures, graphic works and ceramics by Picasso with works from the Cycladic, Mycenaean, Greek, Etruscan and Greco-Roman periods.

**FINLAND**

**HELSINKI**

**The Museum of Contemporary Art**, tel: (0) 17-33-61, closed Mondays. To Jan. 26: "Irving Penn: Photographs." Portraits, fashion photographs from the 1950s and still lifes by the American photographer (born 1917).

**FRANCE**

**PARIS**

**Centre Georges Pompidou**, tel: 01-44-78-12-33, closed Tuesdays. To April 21: "Jean Tinguely." Sculptures, machines and drawings by the French-born Swiss sculptor whose work satirizes the technological world.

**Grand Palais**, tel: 01-44-13-17-17, closed Tuesdays. Continuing/To Jan. 20: "Picasso et le Portrait."

**Musee national des Arts d'Afrique et d'Oceanie**, tel: 01-43-46-51-61, closed Tuesdays. To Feb. 17: "Arman et l'Art Africain." More than 180 masks, statues and reliquary figures collected in Africa by the Franco-American sculptor (born 1928). The exhibition will travel to Cologne.

**Opera Bastille**, tel: 01-44-73-13-00. Gounod's "Faust." Directed by Jorge Lavelli, conducted by Yves Abel with Daniel Galvez-Vallejo, Cristina Gallardo-Domas and Roberto Scandiuzzi. Dec. 8, 11 and 14.

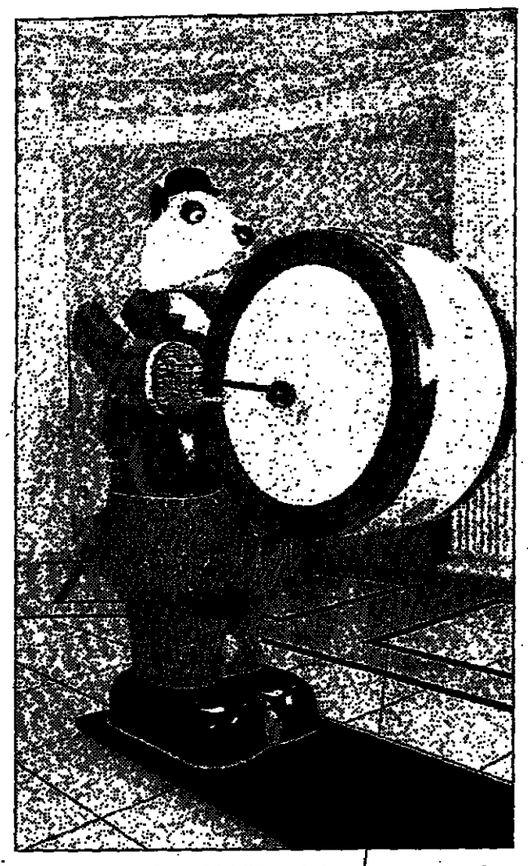
**TOURS**

**Musee des Beaux-Arts**, tel: 02-47-05-68-73, closed Tuesdays. To March 3: "Italies: Peintures des Musees de la Region Centre." Gathered from a score of regional museums, 80 Italian paintings exhibited simultaneously and chronologically in Tours (13th to 16th century), Orleans (17th century) and Chartres (18th century).

**GERMANY**

**BERLIN**

**Martin-Gropius-Bau**, tel: (30) 324-50-78, closed Mondays. Continuing/To Jan. 5: "Marianne und Germania, 1789-1889: Zwei Weiblichkeitsbilder in der Kunst." Sculptures, romantic paintings and quotations from authors testify to the relationship between the two countries.



*Patrick O'Reilly's 1996 "Bear" is on view in Dublin.*

**IRELAND**

**DUBLIN**

**Municipal Gallery of Modern Art**, tel: (1) 874-1903, closed Mondays. To Jan. 19: "A Silent Scream." The contemporary Irish artist Patrick O'Reilly (born 1957) uses mechanical bears, mops and slot machines, to satirize group practices in contemporary society and their detrimental effect on the individual.

**ITALY**

**FLORENCE**

**Palazzo Strozzi**, tel: (55) 239-6563. Continuing/To Jan. 6: "Gli Ingegnieri del Rinascimento." Renaissance architectural drawings.

**MILAN**

**Teatro alla Scala**, tel: (2) 720-037-44. Giuck's "Armide." Directed by Pier Luigi Pizzi, conducted by Riccardo Muti, with Anna Caterina Antonacci, Lotte Leitner and Adina Nitescu. Dec. 7, 10, 12, 15, 17, 19 and 21.

**NETHERLANDS**

**AMSTERDAM**

**Van Gogh Museum**, tel: (20) 570-5200, open daily. To March 2: "Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema." The Dutch artist's poetic depictions of the classical past, on a background of white marble, blue seas and opulent textiles appealed to the London bourgeoisie, but fell into oblivion after his death in 1912, with his paintings sometimes described as 'decoration for chocolate boxes.'

**RUSSIA**

**MOSCOW**

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**Metropolitan Opera**, tel: (212) 362-6000. Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore." Conducted by Carlo Rizzi, with Andrea Rost, Richard Leech, Gino Quilico and Leo Nucci. Dec. 7, 10, 14 and 19.

**WASHINGTON**

**National Gallery**, tel: (202) 737-4215, open daily. Continuing/To Jan. 5: "Adolph Menzel, 1815-1905: Between Romanticism and Impressionism." Paintings, drawings, pastels and watercolors by the German artist.

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Dec. 8: "Degas, Cezanne, Picasso: Pictures from a Swiss Private Collection." Bank Austria Kunstforum, Vienna.

Dec. 8: "Bridging the City." Royal Academy of Arts, London.

Dec. 9: "Nara: Tresors Bouddhiques du Japon Ancien; le Temple du Kofuku-ji." Galeries Nationales du Grand Palais, Paris.

Dec. 8: "Henri Matisse e Terlade." Palazzo Medici Riccardi, Florence.

Dec. 8: "Masters of Light: Van Gogh, Mondrian, Sluijters, Toorop and others." Kunsthal, Rotterdam.

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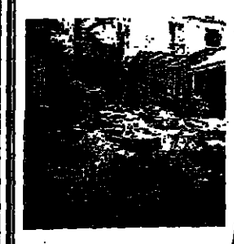
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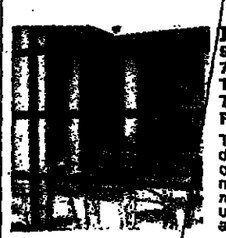
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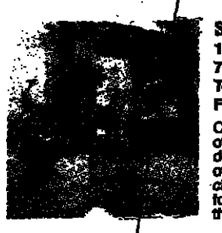
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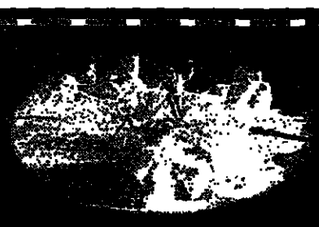
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## 'Hits,' 'Misses' And Memories

### *The Best or Just the Most?*

By Mike Zwerin
*International Herald Tribune*

IT'S gift-giving time again: Although quality is better than quantity, quality and quantity together is best of all. Are we living in choice times or is there simply too much choice? Your call.

**JONI MITCHELL** "Hits" and "Misses" (Reprise): Mitchell refused to agree to release a compilation of her hits unless it was accompanied by a selection of "misses" — songs she loves nonetheless because they turned out not to be commercial. Classification was not always evident. "Hejira," for example (with some elegant Jaco Pastorius bass playing) went top 10 in Britain but bombed in the United States: "The Americans thought I lost my marbles," Mitchell says.

**KIP HANRAHAN** "A Thousand Nights and a Night" (American Clave): The French critic Michel Contat called him "the Jean-Luc Godard of music." The composer, singer, percussionist, bandleader, producer and boss casting director Hanrahan has once more combined his Irish and Russian blood with a Latin temperament to produce an album of pure alchemy. With Charles Neville, Jack Bruce (from Cream), Ruben Blades, Don Pullen, Cindy Blackman, Fernando Saunders, Steve Swallow and Billy Bang for starters.

**"MASTERS OF JAZZ"** Seven individually packaged CDs (Rhino, 18 tracks each) break down history into categories such as traditional, big band and vocal. The selection, mainly from Atlantic Records masters and Montreux Jazz Festival vaults, is well engineered, stylistically inclusive and intelligently programmed. There are too many musicians to credit, but hats off to the late saxophonist Eddie (Swiss Movement) Harris, who died last month.

**JUNIOR WELLS** "Come On in This House" (Telarc): Former partner of the harmonica player Buddy Guy, Wells sounds happy not to be watered down by guest commercial redneck hard-rock guitar heroes, as was once his wont. (They are replaced by down-home slide guitarists Derek Trucks and Sonny Landreth.) Blues lovers will love them even more after hearing this newly generated blues power.

**KENNY GARRETT** "Pursuance, The Music of John Coltrane" (WB): Miles Davis's last saxophone player combines energy, respect, spirituality and musicality on one of the 10 best jazz albums of 1996. Pat Metheny, guitar.

**GLENN MILLER** "The Secret Broadcasts" (BMG): Some humanist with big ears once posed the question: "Isn't it a shame that Glenn Miller's music didn't die instead of Glenn Miller?" Well, as it turned out, an awful lot of people like things just the way they are. Miller's trademark sound (clarinet lead over a saxophone section) has remained popular for generations. Here are previously unissued versions of 74 tunes including "Tuxedo Junction," "A Fellow on a Furlough," "Moonlight Serenade" and "String of Pearls" in a 3-CD box featuring the Army Air Force Training Command Band under the direction of Captain Glenn Miller, who, in December 1944, took off from England for Paris across the English Channel and disappeared.



Christian Rose

*Kenny Garrett and "The Music of John Coltrane."*

**KENNY BARRON** "New York Attitude" (Uptown): It is reassuring that straight-ahead improvised music can still guarantee 57:20 riveting, fresh, unblemished minutes.

**THE BEATLES** "Anthology/3" (Apple): Listening to a 2-CD box of demo, remixed and alternate versions of "Hey Jude," "Mean Mister Mustard," "Sexy Sadie," "Honey Pie," "Cry Baby Cry" and 45 other songs from the Beatles' final three years is kind of like finding a pile of dear-to-your-heart memorabilia you thought you'd lost for good a long, long time ago — a blackbird singing in the dead of night, a man with a 10-bob note up his nose . . .

*And in the end,*
*the love you take*
*is equal to*
*the love you make.*

## Jet Time-Sharing Flies to Europe

By Roger Collis
*International Herald Tribune*

WE'RE all agreed that a business jet is a great way to get around if you don't have to think about the cost. You won't save much in airline tickets — unless you take several people along. But if you value your time and the opportunity to get there and back faster than a scheduled flight, or take trips that you couldn't do otherwise and to run on your own schedule, a business jet could be just the ticket.

You can either buy your own plane or charter. A Cessna Citation II, the entry level for a jet, costs around $3 million — and for a Gulfstream or Challenger you can spend $17 million and beyond. Chartering a Citation in Europe costs around $2,400 an hour.

Time-sharing, or "fractional ownership," is a beguiling compromise. You buy an eighth or quarter share or more of a plane that you have access to a certain number of flying hours a year.

Executive Jet Inc. in New Jersey, which claims to have been first with fractional ownership in the United States back in 1987 with its NetJets program, has now brought the concept to Europe. NetJets manages a fleet of 85 aircraft for more than 500 fractional owners in the United States — 30 percent are individuals, 50 percent are private companies and the rest are large public corporations who use NetJets to supplement their own fleets. Revenue has grown 50 percent a year from 1992 to 1996. NetJets reckons it will fly 70,000 hours in 1997 compared with 50,000 hours in 1996.

Business jets are safe, fast and comfortable. A Learjet 60 cruises at 35,000 feet at nearly 600 mph (960 kph); a Cessna Citation S/II has a cruising speed of 430 mph and a cruising altitude of 37,000 feet. It can reach 43,000 feet — well above the weather and most commercial traffic.

The problem is that Europe is beset by slot problems at many airports and air traffic congestion. You are often unable to exploit the flexibility of a business jet in being able to avoid bad weather. Commercial jets will normally get priority clearance to go up above the weather, leaving business jets stuck in the worst turbulence at around 15,000 feet. (But, of course, strapped in your "executive seat" with a glass of champagne, you can suffer in comfort.) And even if you fly from small airports, you are still subject to frustrating delays in traffic streams around major cities. Which is partly why operating costs for NetJets Europe owners are 62 percent higher than for their counterparts in the United States.

NetJets Europe was launched in June with two European partners — Zimex Aviation in Zurich and Air Luxor in Lisbon. Zimex is responsible for marketing, while Air Luxor handles flight management, scheduling and customer service for the start-up fleet of three 6-to-7-seat Cessna Citation S/II jets. Lower costs was not the main reason for basing

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the aircraft in Portugal but rather because it is the sole EU state system that permits the ownership of a commercially operated aircraft by several persons of different nationalities.

After the initial cost — which ranges from $330,000 for a one-eighth share to $1,320,000 for a half-share — NetJets Europe owners pay a monthly management fee of $9,750 to $39,000 to cover pilot salaries, insurance, hangaring and administration. Flying hours are billed at $1,950, which includes fuel, maintenance, engine reserves and catering. NetJets guarantees aircraft availability for flights in or between 17 countries in Western Europe (including parts of North Africa, southern Finland, the Czech Republic, and the cities of Budapest and Warsaw) with a response time of 10 hours for one-eighth owners down to 6 hours for owners with a quarter interest or more. Flights to other countries (including Belarus, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Romania and Turkey) are subject to an aircraft's being available and cost $2,630 per hour. Flights to Russia are not yet available. A three-eighths share allows you to call upon two planes simultaneously at different locations: useful if you want to ferry people in for a meeting. A NetJets Europe contract is for four years with guaranteed buyback of your capital asset after 24 months at "fair market value." There's nothing to stop you selling your share to someone else.

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NetJets should work well for companies doing business in both the United States and Europe. NetJets owners in either program have reciprocal access to aircraft on either side of the Atlantic. However, an interchange rate applies to take account of the difference in costs. For example, a share owner in a U.S.-based Citation S/II is billed 2.2 hours for each hour flown in Europe; whereas a European S/II owner is charged only 0.6 hours for each hour flown in the United States. NetJets Europe owners also have access to other aircraft available in the United States, such as the Citation V Ultra (for 0.84 hours), the Hawker 1000 (1.14 hours) and the Gulfstream GIV-SP (1.8 hours). NetJets has ordered aircraft worth $600 million for delivery in 1997, including 20 Citation VIIs and Citation Xs for the NetJets program. The Citation X is said to be the fastest business jet ever built.

Hannes Ziegler, chief executive of NetJets Europe and chairman of Zimex Aviation in Zurich, says: "Fractional ownership is a perfect system for companies who charter maybe 50 hours a year, or have a plane of their own and are not using it more than 200 hours. If somebody decides, I will continue to charter my 25 hours a year, then clearly NetJets is more expensive. Fractional ownership is not for everybody. But you have 9 out of 10 companies that would love to use a business jet more often but don't want to spend the money on charters."

WELL, yes. But a NetJets Europe owner with a one-eighth share in a Citation S/II pays $263,250 a year in monthly fees for 75 flying hours, not counting the capital cost of his share. Assuming a charter cost of $2,400 an hour, you could charter the same number of hours for around $180,000.

My guess is that you would need to fly at least 400 hours a year with NetJets Europe to break even with charter. At which point, you might be better off buying your own aircraft. NetJets Europe does have the advantage of guaranteed availability, no financial surprises, consistent service and protection of your capital asset.

## New Chef in Master's Toque

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**EUROPE**

# British Gas Gets Relief On Prices of 2 Contracts

*Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches*

LONDON — British Gas PLC, locked into long-term contracts that have forced it to pay hundreds of millions of pounds above market rates for gas, said Thursday it had renegotiated two of those contracts and hoped to renegotiate others.

The announcement came as British Gas also disclosed that the planned split-up of its businesses would take place in February.

The company said it would hold a shareholders' meeting Feb. 12 to seek approval for a split into two publicly traded companies, to be called Centrica PLC and BG PLC. It said it intended to publish documents relating to the transaction Jan. 10 and was prepared for trading in Centrica shares to begin Feb. 17.

Regarding the contract renegotiation, the relief from old contracts with British Petroleum Co. and British Gas's own gas-production unit marked the first time the U.K. gas producer had been able to change the terms of its long-term contracts since it was sold to the public by the British government in 1986.

"This renegotiation is clearly only the start; several more will follow quickly," said Alan Marshall, an analyst at Robert Fleming Securities. "It is a step in the right direction."

British Gas shares initially soared 5.8 percent, to 227 pence, and ended at 221.5, up 7.5.

As British Gas has labored under high-priced supply contracts valued at £40 billion ($65 billion), increased competition in the past three years has lowered gas prices for commercial users by about 30 percent and caused British Gas to lose 70 percent of its industrial customers.

The company said it was in talks with other suppliers, including Royal Dutch/Shell Group, to renegotiate other contracts, which force the company to buy gas at prices as much as 50 percent higher than spot rates.

The company's plan to split was announced in February and is intended to divide British Gas into a company that would concentrate on services and marketing to attract British customers and another to concentrate on longer-term development. *(Bloomberg, Reuters)*

# Pound Falls as Rate-Cut Hopes Are Dashed

By Erik Ipsen
*International Herald Tribune*

LONDON — The governor of the Bank of England touched off a sell-off of the pound in currency markets Thursday by saying that inflation remained under control and that there was no pressing need for a "dramatic" rise in interest rates.

Within three hours, the pound had lost 1.5 percent of its value against the Deutsche mark and 1.3 percent against the dollar.

Analysts were quick to credit the move to the bursting of a speculative bubble that had pushed the pound up by nearly 15 percent against the mark in the past four months.

"It just goes to show that what goes up can come down with a mighty wallop," said Neil MacKinnon, chief currency strategist at Citibank.

More troubling than sterling's problems, which began with a downswing Tuesday, is the speculation that such volatility might be tied to the growing commitment in continental Europe to the single-currency project. Analysts say the pound is now the only major currency in Europe whose fluctuations are not constrained by the European Union's targeted trading ranges.

"If you are looking around for some currency to make money on, you are not going to start trading Dutch guilders against the Deutsche mark," said Adrian Schmidt, an international economist at Chase Bank. Those currencies hardly ever move much against each other, whereas the pound, in the eyes of currency speculators, offers a great deal more opportunity.

The pound's speculative attractiveness could portend a period of wild swings for the currency. But even those who had seen sterling as overvalued and forecast a correction were surprised by the extent of this week's fall.

Analysts said a lack of liquidity — or a rush of sellers into the currency markets when there were few buyers — was largely responsible for the sell-off, but they attributed that largely to seasonal factors: Those trading on behalf of corporations, they said, have largely tidied up their year-end accounts and left the market to speculators.

Some analysts, however, said the lack of liquidity, and the price swings that inevitably accompany it, may spring from a deeper and less ephemeral source.

"I think it is part of the ongoing retrenchment we are seeing in the foreign-exchange markets," said Paul Meggyesi, senior currency economist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell.

He said a number of banks had either got out of or scaled back foreign-exchange dealings in recent months, citing disappointing profits. The net result is less liquidity and fewer players to absorb sudden shocks.

Thursday's market volatility was touched off by statements by the Bank of England's governor, Eddie George, who damped widespread expectations that he would push for quick and substantial increases in interest rates.

"Some further rate rise would be required to give us a better-than-even-chance" of hitting the government's inflation target, Mr. George said in testimony on the government's budget to a committee in the House of Commons, but "there is no urgent need" for a "dramatic" move.

The next opportunity that the chancellor of the Exchequer, Kenneth Clarke, will have to change interest rates will be at his monthly monetary meeting with Mr. George on Wednesday. Britain last raised rates by a quarter-point, to 6 percent, on Oct. 30, its first increase since February 1995.

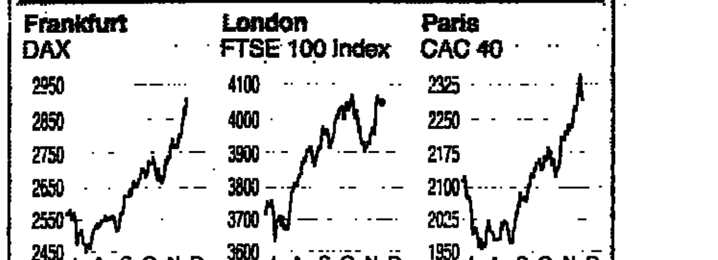
The pound dropped most significantly against the German currency, tumbling to 2.5160 Deutsche marks before recovering to end European trading unchanged at 2.5605 DM. Against the dollar, sterling fell from a high of $1.6480 to a low of $1.6100 before regaining some ground to close in London at $1.6275, down from $1.6385.

"The one thing sterling had going for it was the expectation of higher interest rates," said Mr. Meggyesi.

Stripped temporarily of the promise of earning more money on their sterling stakes, speculators for the second time this week dumped the currency, selling pounds and taking substantial profits from the currency's recent rally.

"Viewed against the speculative excess of the last few months, this week's correction is not particularly dramatic," Mr. Meggyesi said.

## Investor's Europe




| Exchange | Index | Thursday Close | Prev. Close | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | EOE | 628.44 | 630.81 | -0.36 |
| Brussels | BEL-20 | 1,891.12 | 1,894.25 | -0.17 |
| Frankfurt | DAX | 2,909.91 | 2,866.07 | +1.53 |
| Copenhagen | Stock Market | 461.45 | 460.14 | +0.28 |
| Helsinki | HEX General | 2,471.14 | 2,459.16 | +0.49 |
| Oslo | OBX | 521.83 | 517.25 | +0.89 |
| London | FTSE 100 | 4,051.20 | 4,045.20 | +0.15 |
| Madrid | Stock Exchange | 408.19 | 408.86 | -0.16 |
| Milan | MIBTEL | 10,537.00 | 10,478.00 | +0.56 |
| Paris | CAC 40 | 2,292.50 | 2,308.65 | -0.70 |
| Stockholm | SX 16 | 2,473.93 | 2,447.46 | +1.08 |
| Vienna | ATX | 1,132.55 | 1,132.67 | -0.01 |
| Zurich | SPI | 2,498.06 | 2,495.61 | +0.10 |

Source: Telekurs — International Herald Tribune

# Hanson Profit Rises 47% Ahead of Breakup

*Bloomberg Business News*

LONDON — Hanson PLC said Thursday its pretax profit surged 47 percent, to £1.81 billion ($2.9 billion), in its last year as a single company before it began splitting into four parts, a move it hoped would help its flagging stock price.

The profit figure was inflated by £609 million in one-time gains from asset sales such as last year's sale of Cavenham, a U.S. timber producer. Excluding the gains, pretax profit slipped 9.6 percent, to £1.20 billion, in the year ended Sept. 30, from £1.32 billion a year earlier. Hanson said in January that it would spin off its chemicals, tobacco and energy units, leaving its building materials companies trading under the Hanson name.

Millennium Chemicals Inc., the largest U.S. polyethylene producer, and Imperial Tobacco PLC, Britain's second-largest cigarette maker, were spun off in October.

Hanson shares were up 0.25 pence at 80, after having climbed as much as 4 pence earlier in the day. Its shares were trading at 128.5 pence the day before its breakup plan was announced.

## ■ Grand Met's Profit Slumps 58%

Grand Metropolitan PLC said its profit dropped 58 percent in the year ended Sept. 30, to £388 million ($637 million), Agence France-Presse reported.

Results were hurt by a one-time charge of £550 million for the disposal of a number of businesses, including various European food activities and the U.S. opticians chain Pearle.

# KLM to Buy Back Shares, Cutting State's Stake

*Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches*

AMSTERDAM — KLM Royal Dutch Airlines NV said Thursday it would buy back as much as 1 billion guilders ($569.9 million) of stock from the government in a move it hoped would lift its earnings per share by 20 percent.

KLM and the Dutch government said they had agreed in principle that KLM would buy back about 17.3 million shares held by the state, reducing the government's voting stake to 25 percent from 38.2 percent.

KLM's shares rose 2.10 guilders, or 4.6 percent, to close at 47.30 on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange. The possibility of a share buyback was reported in Dutch newspapers late last month. The transaction, which is to take place by June 2, is to be financed from KLM's cash reserves. KLM currently has 2.3 billion guilders in cash and is due to receive a further 700 million guilders from the sale of its 25 percent stake in Northwest Airlines Corp., which was completed this summer. The state's proceeds in the transaction will be between 900 million and 1.05 billion guilders, the statement said.

KLM posted a 15 percent decline in earnings for the third quarter of 1996 and has forecast a decline in earnings for the full year. *(Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters)*

## Very briefly:

- **Spain's** government approved the transformation of **Retevision**, the state-owned agency that distributes radio and television signals in Spain and handles some cellular-phone traffic, into a private telecommunications company with share capital of 40 billion pesetas ($304.4 million).
- **Sweden's** central bank cut its deposit and lending rates by half a percentage point, to 3.75 percent and 5.25 percent, respectively. The cuts will take effect Wednesday.
- **Michelin SCA** sold a 2.6 percent stake in the carmaker **PSA Peugeot Citroen SA** for 803.7 million French francs ($152.4 million) as part of an effort to reduce debt.
- **Imperial Tobacco PLC's** pretax profit rose 5 percent in its latest year, to £366 million ($599.6 million), helped by strong sales in France and Spain.
- **DSM NV**, a Dutch chemicals maker, plans to merge two units, creating the world's largest supplier of melamine flame retardants, a company with projected annual sales of about 15 million guilders ($8.5 million).
- **Italy's** 12-month inflation rate fell to its lowest level in 27 years in November, to 2.6 percent from 3.0 percent in October and 6.0 percent in November 1995. Analysts said the drop raised hopes for a cut in interest rates this month.
- **Great Universal Stores PLC**, a British retailer and mail-order concern, said pretax profit fell to £235.6 million in the first half and warned that conditions in the home-shopping market offered little hope of a quick turnaround.
- **Caisses d'Epargne**, a grouping of French savings banks, will change its legal status to become a cooperative, making alliances and external growth easier.
- **Danish** companies could be put at a disadvantage by European economic and monetary union if Denmark maintained its "opt-out" clause because it may no longer be possible to settle accounts in Danish kroner, the Confederation of Danish Industries said.

*Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters*

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

**Thursday, Dec. 5**
Prices in local currencies.
*Telekurs*

### Amsterdam
EOE index: 628.44 Previous: 630.81

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABN-AMRO | 113 | 110.60 | 111 | 112.10 |
| Aegon | 98.90 | 96.50 | 97.10 | 96.90 |
| Ahold | 106.10 | 104.30 | 104.60 | 105.70 |
| Akzo Nobel | 237 | 232.80 | 236.10 | 233.50 |
| Baan Co. | 61.20 | 59.70 | 60.70 | 61 |
| Bols Wess cva | 31.50 | 30.98 | 31.20 | 31.20 |
| CSM cva | 92.28 | 91.20 | 91.70 | 91.80 |
| Dordtsche Pet | 310.70 | 305.20 | 307.80 | 308.20 |
| DSM | 169.90 | 167.80 | 168 | 169 |
| Elsevier | 30.40 | 28.10 | 28.30 | 29.70 |
| Fortis Amev | 59 | 57.40 | 57.80 | 58 |
| Getronics | 44.40 | 43.50 | 44.30 | 44.50 |
| G-Broc cva | 52.20 | 51 | 51.30 | 51.20 |
| Hagemeyer | 137.30 | 135.60 | 136.20 | 135.60 |
| Heineken | 314.50 | 310.50 | 312 | 311.60 |
| Hoogovens cva | 71.90 | 69.70 | 70.20 | 69.70 |
| Hunt Douglas | 116 | 114.50 | 114.50 | 114.50 |
| ING Group | 60.70 | 59.30 | 59.30 | 59.90 |
| KLM | 48.60 | 46.30 | 47.30 | 45.20 |
| KNP BT | 38.50 | 37.70 | 38 | 38.20 |
| KPN | 66.80 | 65.50 | 66.10 | 65.80 |
| Nedlloyd Gp | 45.50 | 45 | 45 | 45.20 |
| Nutricia | 262 | 256.60 | 257.50 | 261 |
| Oce Grinten | 189.20 | 187 | 187.10 | 188 |
| Philips Elec | 70.90 | 69.20 | 69.20 | 70 |
| Polygram | 82.50 | 80.50 | 82 | 82 |
| Randstad Hdg | 124 | 122 | 124 | 122.10 |
| Robeco | 142.40 | 141.90 | 142 | 142 |
| Rodamco | 49.80 | 48.20 | 49.60 | 47.80 |
| Rolinco | 148.80 | 148.40 | 148.40 | 147.98 |
| Rorento | 106.40 | 105.90 | 105.90 | 106.20 |
| Royal Dutch | 291 | 285.30 | 288.30 | 288.60 |
| Unilever cva | 295.70 | 292.90 | 294 | 294 |
| Vendex Intl | 73.50 | 71.50 | 72 | 73 |
| VNU | 35 | 34.20 | 34.60 | 34.40 |
| Wolters Kl cva | 233 | 228.10 | 233 | 228.50 |

## Market Closed

The Bangkok stock markets was closed Thursday for a holiday.

### Bombay
Sensex 30 index: 2812.22 Previous: 2745.06

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bajaj Auto | 749.25 | 704 | 747.75 | 710.50 |
| Hindust Lever | 777 | 748 | 770.75 | 758.50 |
| Hindust Petlm | 315 | 311 | 311.75 | 312 |
| Ind Dev Bk | 85.50 | 83 | 84.75 | 84.75 |
| ITC | 271.50 | 260.25 | 271 | 262.25 |
| Mahanagar Tel | 215.75 | 209.25 | 214.50 | 210 |
| Reliance Ind | 184.50 | 177.25 | 183.50 | 178.25 |
| State Bk India | 211.75 | 205 | 210.75 | 205.25 |
| Steel Authority | 17 | 16 | 16.75 | 16.25 |
| Tata Eng Loco | 315 | 293.50 | 311 | 295 |

### Brussels
BEL-20 index: 1891.12 Previous: 1894.25

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Almanij | 10475 | 10475 | 10475 | 10450 |
| Barco Ind | 5530 | 5440 | 5490 | 5430 |
| BBL | 6780 | 6720 | 6720 | 6750 |
| Bekaert | 24150 | 23725 | 23725 | 23925 |
| CBR | 2720 | 2700 | 2700 | 2710 |
| CNP | 2025 | 1950 | 2010 | 1980 |
| Cobepa | 1218 | 1198 | 1216 | 1200 |
| Cockerill | 128 | 122 | 123 | 129 |
| Colruyt | 14400 | 14150 | 14150 | 14350 |
| Delhaize Lion | 1865 | 1825 | 1830 | 1865 |
| Electrabel | 7650 | 7570 | 7630 | 7570 |
| Electrafina | 3070 | 3010 | 3045 | 3020 |
| Fortis AG | 5020 | 4950 | 4955 | 4980 |
| Gevaert | 2135 | 2070 | 2080 | 2140 |
| GIB | 1416 | 1410 | 1416 | 1412 |
| GBL | 4155 | 4065 | 4140 | 4085 |
| Gen Banque | 11425 | 11300 | 11350 | 11325 |
| Kredietbank | 10450 | 10275 | 10275 | 10425 |
| Petrofina | 10750 | 10375 | 10780 | 10275 |
| Powerfin | 4930 | 4900 | 4930 | 4950 |
| Royale Belge | 6550 | 6440 | 6440 | 6590 |
| Soc Gen Belg | 2440 | 2420 | 2430 | 2425 |
| Solvay | 19450 | 19300 | 19350 | 19375 |
| Tractebel | 14650 | 14400 | 14550 | 14700 |
| UCB | 79350 | 78650 | 78900 | 79000 |
| Union Miniere | 2220 | 2210 | 2210 | 2210 |

### Copenhagen
Stock index: 461.45 Previous: 460.14

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| BG Bank | 264 | 259 | 262 | 260 |
| Carlsberg B | 383 | 379 | 382 | 377 |
| Codan Fors | 800 | 790 | 800 | 795 |
| Danisco | 333 | 329 | 332 | 332 |
| Den Danske Bk | 446 | 441 | 446 | 446 |
| D/S Svendborg B | 218500 | 217500 | 217500 | 214961 |
| D/S 1912 B | 150500 | 149500 | 150000 | 150000 |
| FLS Ind B | 770 | 760 | 770 | 756.67 |
| Kob Lufthavne | 618 | 609 | 615 | 615 |
| Novo Nordisk B | 1090 | 1069 | 1090 | 1070 |
| Sophus Ber B | 757 | 749 | 753.25 | 755 |
| Tele Danmk B | 298 | 295 | 298 | 296 |
| Tryg Baltica | 299 | 293 | 297 | 294 |
| Unidanmark A | 298 | 293 | 294 | 297 |

### Frankfurt
DAX: 2909.91 Previous: 2866.07

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AMB B | 1000 | 990 | 990 | 1000 |
| Adidas | 136.50 | 134.90 | 136 | 134 |
| Allianz Hdg | 2938 | 2897 | 2902 | 2830 |
| Altana | 1289.50 | 1280 | 1286 | 1278 |
| Bk Berlin | 29.10 | 28.90 | 29 | 28.95 |
| BASF | 61.70 | 60.50 | 61.45 | 59.15 |
| Bayer Hypo Bk | 47.45 | 47.10 | 47.23 | 46.75 |
| Bay.Vereinsbank | 63.75 | 62.75 | 63.75 | 61.65 |
| Bayer | 65.10 | 64.30 | 65 | 63.38 |
| Beiersdorf | 76.10 | 75.50 | 75.60 | 75.40 |
| BMW | 1085 | 1062 | 1067 | 1048 |
| Commerzbank | 37.22 | 37.10 | 37.18 | 36.80 |
| Daimler Benz | 104.95 | 102.40 | 103.75 | 102.55 |
| Degussa | 689 | 669.50 | 678.50 | 658 |
| Deutsche Bank | 73.95 | 73.33 | 73.94 | 72.45 |
| Deut Telekom | 33.03 | 32.75 | 32.75 | 32.84 |
| Dresdner Bank | 46.35 | 45.90 | 46.35 | 45.30 |
| Fresenius | 312.50 | 310 | 312.50 | 303.50 |
| Fresenius Med | 142.75 | 139.70 | 141.80 | 138.60 |
| Fried. Krupp | 243 | 234.50 | 243 | 235.70 |
| Gehe | 97.10 | 96 | 96.50 | 98.20 |
| Heidelbg Zmt | 115.40 | 114.50 | 115.40 | 112.70 |
| Henkel pfd | 77.45 | 76.70 | 76.95 | 76.20 |
| Hochtief | 60.80 | 60.10 | 60.20 | 60.20 |
| Hoechst | 70.25 | 69.30 | 70 | 68.50 |
| Karstadt | 534.50 | 530 | 534.45 | 535 |
| Linde | 959 | 947 | 947 | 949 |
| Lufthansa | 21.30 | 20.75 | 21.02 | 20.75 |
| MAN | 378 | 373.50 | 373.50 | 370 |
| Mannesmann | 691.50 | 679.50 | 682.90 | 659.50 |
| Metallgesellschaft | 31.28 | 31.10 | 31.18 | 31.89 |
| Metro | 132 | 130.50 | 132 | 129.50 |
| Munch Rueck R | 3748 | 3710 | 3748 | 3663 |
| Preussag | 362 | 358 | 358.50 | 358.50 |
| RWE | 68.90 | 68.55 | 68.70 | 68.60 |
| SAP pfd | 218.80 | 216.50 | 217.50 | 213.70 |
| Schering | 134.90 | 133.60 | 134 | 132.95 |
| Siemens | 74.78 | 73.97 | 74.06 | 74.42 |
| Thyssen | 274.40 | 273.30 | 273.95 | 272 |
| Veba | 90.25 | 90 | 90.20 | 89.45 |
| VEW | 490 | 480 | 490 | 478 |
| Viag | 595 | 590 | 592.30 | 584.20 |
| Volkswagen | 607 | 601.50 | 602.50 | 598.50 |

### Helsinki
HEX General index: 2471.14 Previous: 2459.16

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cultor 1 | 242 | 231.50 | 242 | 235 |
| Enso R | 37.50 | 36.90 | 37 | 37 |
| Huhtamaki I | 210 | 208 | 209.50 | 209 |
| Kesko | 65 | 64.50 | 64.90 | 64.50 |
| Kone BF | 511 | 505 | 511 | 510 |
| Merita A | 15 | 14.80 | 14.90 | 14.90 |
| Metra B | 264 | 260 | 264 | 260 |
| Metso-Serla B | 34 | 33 | 33.50 | 33 |
| Nokia A | 266.50 | 263 | 266 | 263.80 |
| Outokumpu A | 79 | 78.20 | 78.70 | 79 |
| Rautaruukki | 44 | 43.10 | 43.90 | 43 |
| Stockmann A | 270 | 270 | 270 | 270 |
| UPM-Kymme | 93.80 | 93.30 | 93.30 | 93.30 |
| Valmet | 80 | 79 | 79.90 | 79.90 |

### Hong Kong
Hang Seng: 13491.56 Previous: 13434.24

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amoy Props | 11.10 | 10.90 | 11.10 | 10.95 |
| Bk East Asia | 34.90 | 34.40 | 34.70 | 34.50 |
| Cathay Pacific | 12.50 | 12.40 | 12.45 | 12.50 |
| Cheung Kong | 69.50 | 68.75 | 69.50 | 69 |
| China Light | 34.50 | 34 | 34.40 | 34.10 |
| Chin Estates | 9.10 | 8.95 | 9.05 | 8.90 |
| Citic Pacific | 40.80 | 39.80 | 40.50 | 39.80 |
| Cons Elec Pwr | 18.15 | 18.10 | 18.10 | 18.15 |
| Dao Heng Bk | 37 | 36.70 | 36.80 | 36.70 |
| First Pacific | 10.50 | 10.35 | 10.45 | 10.50 |
| Great Eagle | 32.80 | 32.50 | 32.50 | 32.70 |
| Guangdong Inv | 6.30 | 6.05 | 6.15 | 6.20 |
| Guoco Group | 43.60 | 43.20 | 43.30 | 43.50 |
| Hang Lung | 17.50 | 17.30 | 17.35 | 17.30 |
| Hang Seng Bk | 93 | 92.25 | 92.50 | 92.50 |
| Henderson Inv | 9.60 | 9.50 | 9.55 | 9.50 |
| Henderson Ld | 78.75 | 78.25 | 78.50 | 78.50 |
| HKR Intl | 12.20 | 11.95 | 11.95 | 11.95 |
| HK Aircraft | 23.40 | 23.05 | 23.20 | 23.05 |
| HK China Gas | 15.40 | 15.20 | 15.30 | 15.25 |
| HK Electric | 27.75 | 26.50 | 27.10 | 26.65 |
| HK Shang Htls | 15.40 | 15.20 | 15.20 | 15.40 |
| HK Telecomm | 13.75 | 13.40 | 13.45 | 13.45 |
| Hopewell Hdgs | 5.20 | 5.05 | 5.20 | 5.10 |
| HSBC Hdgs | 162.50 | 161.50 | 162 | 162 |
| Hutchison Wh | 60.50 | 59.50 | 60.50 | 59.50 |
| Hysan Dev | 30.30 | 29.60 | 29.70 | 29.95 |
| Johnson El 500 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20.35 |
| Miramar Hotel | 15.90 | 15.60 | 15.70 | 15.65 |
| Natl Mutual | 7.20 | 7.05 | 7.10 | 7.15 |
| New World | 51.25 | 51 | 51 | 51.50 |
| Oriental Press | 4.40 | 4.30 | 4.35 | 4.40 |
| Shangri-La | 12.05 | 11.70 | 11.70 | 12.05 |
| SHK Props | 98.50 | 96.75 | 98 | 96.75 |
| Shun Tak Hdgs | 5.65 | 5.45 | 5.45 | 5.55 |
| Sino Land Co. | 10.05 | 9.90 | 10.05 | 9.95 |
| Sth China Post | 6.90 | 6.85 | 6.85 | 6.85 |
| Swire Pac A | 74.25 | 73.50 | 74 | 73.25 |
| Tsim Sha Tsui | 14.40 | 14.25 | 14.40 | 14.25 |
| TV Broadcasts | 29.20 | 28.90 | 29.20 | 28.80 |
| Wharf Hdgs | 39.70 | 39.20 | 39.30 | 39.50 |
| Wheelock | 22.15 | 21.45 | 22.15 | 21.80 |

### Jakarta
Composite index: 634.30 Previous: 636.27

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Astra Intl | 5300 | 5150 | 5200 | 5125 |
| Barito Pacific | 1475 | 1450 | 1450 | 1450 |
| Gudang Garm | 10675 | 10350 | 10600 | 10325 |
| Indah Kiat | 1900 | 1825 | 1875 | 1875 |
| Indocement | 3625 | 3475 | 3500 | 3600 |
| Indofood | 4800 | 4650 | 4650 | 4850 |
| Indorayon | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 |
| Indosat | 6425 | 6275 | 6275 | 6425 |
| Kalbe Farma | 2775 | 2725 | 2775 | 2750 |
| Sampoerna HM | 13150 | 12950 | 13050 | 12875 |

### Johannesburg
All Market: 6717.58 Previous: 6713.19

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AngloAm-Corp | 266.25 | 265 | 266 | 265.75 |
| AngloAm Gold | 380 | 375.50 | 376 | 379 |
| AngloAm Ind | 169.50 | 168 | 169 | 168.50 |
| Barlow | 42.05 | 41.70 | 41.95 | 41.90 |
| C.G. Smith | 23.30 | 23 | 23 | 23.20 |
| De Beers | 141.25 | 139.50 | 140.75 | 140.50 |
| Driefontein | 50.50 | 50 | 50.50 | 50.75 |
| Freegold | 35 | 34.30 | 34.75 | 35 |
| Fst Natl Bk | 23 | 22.30 | 23 | 22.40 |
| Gencor | 17.85 | 17.40 | 17.40 | 17.25 |
| GFSA | 135.75 | 134 | 135.75 | 135 |
| Iscor | 3.39 | 3.31 | 3.37 | 3.31 |
| Johnnies Ind | 54 | 53 | 53.50 | 53.50 |
| Kloof Gold | 36.75 | 36.15 | 36.30 | 36.75 |
| Liberty Life | 119 | 117 | 118.50 | 117 |
| Minorco | 100 | 98.75 | 99.50 | 98.50 |
| Nedcor | 66.50 | 66 | 66.50 | 66.50 |
| Rembrandt Gp | 43.40 | 42.75 | 43 | 43.30 |
| Richemont | 65.75 | 64.75 | 64.75 | 66 |
| Rust Platinum | 70.75 | 70.50 | 70.50 | 70.50 |
| SA Breweries | 116.25 | 115.75 | 116 | 116.25 |
| Sappi | 41.75 | 41 | 41 | 41.05 |
| Sasol | 57.25 | 56 | 57.25 | 56.25 |
| SBIC | 170.75 | 169 | 170 | 171 |
| Tiger Oats | 71 | 69.75 | 71 | 71 |

### Kuala Lumpur
Composite: 1224.94 Previous: 1223.78

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Genting | 17.90 | 17.70 | 17.90 | 17.80 |
| Hicom Hldgs | 7.10 | 6.95 | 7.10 | 7 |
| Mal Banking | 27.50 | 26.75 | 26.75 | 27 |
| Mal Intl Ship F | 7.80 | 7.40 | 7.65 | 7.75 |
| Public Bank F | 5.35 | 5.20 | 5.20 | 5.30 |
| Resorts World | 12.30 | 12.10 | 12.10 | 12.10 |
| Sime Darby | 9.65 | 9.50 | 9.60 | 9.50 |
| Telekom Mal | 22 | 22.30 | 22.30 | 22.60 |
| Tenaga | 11.90 | 11.70 | 11.70 | 11.70 |
| Utd Engineers | 23.40 | 22.90 | 23.10 | 22.90 |

### London
FT-SE 100: 4051.20 Previous: 4045.20

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbey Natl | 7.07 | 6.95 | 7.01 | 7.07 |
| Allied Domecq | 4.40 | 4.30 | 4.36 | 4.36 |
| Anglian Water | 5.98 | 5.78 | 5.83 | 5.83 |
| Arjo Wiggins | 1.59 | 1.54 | 1.55 | 1.56 |
| Asda Group | 1.21 | 1.19 | 1.19 | 1.19 |
| Assoc Br Foods | 4.49 | 4.45 | 4.47 | 4.47 |
| BAA | 4.89 | 4.81 | 4.81 | 4.87 |
| Barclays | 10.38 | 10.15 | 10.31 | 10.18 |
| Bass | 8.19 | 7.98 | 8.12 | 8.13 |
| BAT Ind | 4.77 | 4.69 | 4.72 | 4.69 |
| Bank Scotland | 2.98 | 2.95 | 2.97 | 2.97 |
| BICC | 2.77 | 2.72 | 2.76 | 2.80 |
| Blue Circle | 3.80 | 3.74 | 3.75 | 3.74 |
| BOC Group | 9.19 | 8.95 | 9.13 | 8.95 |
| Boots | 6.35 | 6.25 | 6.32 | 6.31 |
| Rexam | 3.32 | 3.27 | 3.27 | 3.31 |
| BPB Ind | 3.60 | 3.54 | 3.59 | 3.53 |
| Brit Aerosp | 11.32 | 11.18 | 11.32 | 11.22 |
| Brit Airways | 5.94 | 5.90 | 5.93 | 5.94 |
| Brit Gas | 2.31 | 2.14 | 2.27 | 2.14 |
| Brit Petm | 6.87 | 6.52 | 6.83 | 6.84 |
| Brit Steel | 1.67 | 1.63 | 1.65 | 1.64 |
| Brit Telecom | 4.07 | 3.86 | 3.99 | 3.87 |
| BTR | 2.35 | 2.28 | 2.33 | 2.32 |
| Burmah Cast | 10.50 | 10.42 | 10.47 | 10.39 |
| Cable Wireless | 4.65 | 4.21 | 4.63 | 4.61 |
| Cadbury Schw | 5.12 | 5.07 | 5.09 | 5.10 |
| Caradon | 2.43 | 2.39 | 2.42 | 2.40 |
| Carlton Comm | 4.92 | 4.80 | 4.80 | 4.90 |
| Coats Viyella | 1.35 | 1.30 | 1.30 | 1.32 |
| Comml Union | 6.94 | 6.70 | 6.76 | 6.70 |
| Courtaulds | 3.99 | 3.85 | 3.89 | 3.87 |
| De La Rue | 5.80 | 5.65 | 5.65 | 5.73 |
| EMI Group | 13.82 | 13.72 | 13.81 | 13.78 |
| Eng China Cl | 1.81 | 1.75 | 1.75 | 1.76 |
| Enterprise Oil | 5.90 | 5.77 | 5.85 | 5.74 |
| Fam Colonial | 1.54 | 1.51 | 1.54 | 1.51 |
| Genl Accident | 7.48 | 7.26 | 7.33 | 7.26 |
| GEC | 3.70 | 3.63 | 3.67 | 3.64 |
| GKN | 10.87 | 10.80 | 10.84 | 10.80 |
| Glaxo | 9.67 | 9.50 | 9.58 | 9.58 |
| Granada Gp | 8.92 | 8.83 | 8.89 | 8.82 |
| Grand Met | 4.60 | 4.44 | 4.51 | 4.57 |
| GRE | 2.77 | 2.67 | 2.73 | 2.65 |
| Guinness | 4.51 | 4.33 | 4.46 | 4.51 |
| GUS | 6.81 | 6.49 | 6.53 | 6.76 |
| Hanson | 0.85 | 0.80 | 0.80 | 0.80 |
| Hillsdown Hdg | 1.87 | 1.84 | 1.84 | 1.86 |
| HSBC Hldgs | 13.17 | 12.77 | 12.89 | 12.86 |
| ICI | 7.91 | 7.77 | 7.83 | 7.77 |
| Inchcape | 2.60 | 2.53 | 2.57 | 2.54 |
| Kingfisher | 6.53 | 6.45 | 6.48 | 6.54 |
| Ladbroke | 2.16 | 2.06 | 2.16 | 2.08 |
| Land Sec | 7.49 | 7.30 | 7.30 | 7.37 |
| Laporte | 6.83 | 6.73 | 6.74 | 6.76 |
| Lasmo | 2.20 | 2.13 | 2.18 | 2.13 |
| Legal Genl Grp | 3.64 | 3.55 | 3.63 | 3.55 |
| Lloyds Abbey | 6.62 | 6.57 | 6.59 | 6.59 |
| Lloyds TSB Gp | 4.27 | 4.17 | 4.23 | 4.25 |
| London Elec | 6.60 | 6.52 | 6.55 | 6.52 |
| LucasVarity | 2.39 | 2.32 | 2.32 | 2.38 |
| Marks Spencer | 4.94 | 4.87 | 4.91 | 4.90 |
| MEPC | 4.47 | 4.24 | 4.41 | 4.52 |
| Mercury Asset | 12.35 | 12.15 | 12.34 | 12.30 |
| Natl Power | 4.72 | 4.47 | 4.68 | 4.47 |
| NatWest | 7.03 | 6.94 | 7 | 6.96 |
| Utd Utilities | 6.08 | 5.95 | 6.01 | 5.97 |
| Nthern Foods | 2.01 | 1.94 | 1.95 | 1.95 |
| P&O | 5.94 | 5.86 | 5.92 | 5.88 |
| Pearson | 7.17 | 7.09 | 7.09 | 7.16 |
| Pilkington | 1.53 | 1.50 | 1.51 | 1.52 |
| PowerGen | 6.05 | 5.70 | 5.90 | 5.72 |
| Prudential | 5.06 | 4.90 | 5.01 | 4.91 |
| Rank Group | 4.45 | 4.28 | 4.36 | 4.31 |
| Reckitt Colm | 7 | 6.80 | 7 | 6.99 |
| Redland | 3.83 | 3.75 | 3.75 | 3.79 |
| Reed Intl | 11.89 | 10.80 | 10.80 | 11.52 |
| Rentokil | 4.48 | 4.39 | 4.45 | 4.42 |
| Reuters Hdgs | 7.05 | 6.93 | 7 | 7.01 |
| RMC Group | 9.92 | 9.78 | 9.86 | 9.78 |
| Rolls Royce | 2.55 | 2.50 | 2.53 | 2.54 |
| Royal Bk Scot | 5.38 | 5.23 | 5.32 | 5.23 |
| RTZ reg | 9.80 | 9.68 | 9.76 | 9.79 |
| Royal & Sun All | 4.65 | 4.52 | 4.56 | 4.52 |
| Safeway | 3.84 | 3.78 | 3.78 | 3.79 |
| Sainsbury | 3.72 | 3.65 | 3.67 | 3.68 |
| Schroders | 15.50 | 15.40 | 15.40 | 15.45 |
| Scot Newcastle | 6.66 | 6.64 | 6.64 | 6.65 |
| Scot Power | 3.80 | 3.39 | 3.45 | 3.40 |
| Sears | 0.95 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.95 |
| Severn Trent | 6.80 | 6.63 | 6.80 | 6.65 |
| Shell Trsp reg | 10.02 | 9.88 | 9.95 | 9.94 |
| Siebe | 9.85 | 9.72 | 9.81 | 9.67 |
| Smith Nephew | 1.84 | 1.81 | 1.83 | 1.81 |
| Smith (WH) | 4.23 | 4.19 | 4.19 | 4.19 |
| SmithKline | 8.21 | 8.02 | 8.10 | 8.11 |
| Smiths Ind | 7.83 | 7.75 | 7.75 | 7.84 |
| Sthern Elec | 7.55 | 7.33 | 7.50 | 7.33 |
| Stand Charter | 7.01 | 6.95 | 6.98 | 6.92 |
| Tate & Lyle | 4.79 | 4.76 | 4.79 | 4.79 |
| Tesco | 3.46 | 3.39 | 3.45 | 3.40 |
| Thames Water | 5.75 | 5.65 | 5.72 | 5.72 |
| 3i Group | 4.99 | 4.94 | 4.94 | 4.93 |
| TI Group | 5.51 | 5.41 | 5.51 | 5.44 |
| Tomkins | 2.53 | 2.41 | 2.51 | 2.43 |
| Unilever | 14.20 | 13.90 | 14.10 | 13.92 |
| Utd Biscuits | 2.08 | 2.04 | 2.05 | 2.05 |
| Utd News | 6.95 | 6.86 | 6.87 | 6.85 |
| Vendome uts | 5.46 | 5.40 | 5.42 | 5.43 |
| Vodafone | 2.52 | 2.47 | 2.48 | 2.50 |
| Whitbread | 7.71 | 7.64 | 7.64 | 7.71 |
| Williams Hdgs | 3.48 | 3.43 | 3.47 | 3.43 |
| Wolseley | 4.53 | 4.47 | 4.50 | 4.46 |
| Zeneca | 16.53 | 16.30 | 16.43 | 16.44 |

### Madrid
Bolsa index: 408.19 Previous: 408.86

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Acerinox | 17400 | 16900 | 17100 | 17260 |
| ACESA | 1690 | 1660 | 1670 | 1675 |
| Argentaria | 5220 | 5150 | 5180 | 5170 |
| BBV | 6710 | 6620 | 6680 | 6690 |
| Banesto | 857 | 845 | 854 | 845 |
| Bankinter | 17500 | 17200 | 17280 | 17230 |
| Bco Centro Hisp | 3215 | 3185 | 3200 | 3210 |
| Bco Exterior | 2765 | 2765 | 2765 | 2770 |
| Bco Popular | 24890 | 24450 | 24470 | 24810 |
| Bco Santander | 7250 | 7110 | 7170 | 7190 |
| CEPSA | 3955 | 3920 | 3940 | 3925 |
| Corp Mapfre | 6920 | 6820 | 6830 | 6880 |
| Dragados | 1850 | 1825 | 1840 | 1830 |
| Endesa | 8690 | 8580 | 8590 | 8670 |
| FECSA | 1085 | 1055 | 1060 | 1075 |
| Fomento Const | 10880 | 10800 | 10840 | 10840 |
| Gas Natural | 26550 | 26400 | 26550 | 26400 |
| Hidroel Cantab | 4580 | 4510 | 4535 | 4540 |
| Iberdrola | 1620 | 1590 | 1600 | 1600 |
| Pryca | 2770 | 2740 | 2750 | 2745 |
| Repsol | 4740 | 4655 | 4685 | 4730 |
| Sevillana Elec | 1255 | 1230 | 1240 | 1240 |
| Tabacalera | 5190 | 5130 | 5160 | 5170 |
| Telefonica | 2880 | 2845 | 2865 | 2850 |
| Union Fenosa | 1075 | 1045 | 1045 | 1055 |
| Valenc Cement | 1435 | 1415 | 1435 | 1440 |

### Manila
PSE index: 3163.33 Previous: 3138.87

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ayala A | 22.25 | 21.75 | 22.25 | 22.25 |
| Ayala Land | 29.50 | 28.50 | 29 | 29 |
| Manila Elec A | 114 | 109 | 114 | 109 |
| Metro Bank | 630 | 620 | 625 | 620 |
| Petron | 9.10 | 8.80 | 9 | 8.70 |
| Phil Long Dist | 1540 | 1515 | 1525 | 1515 |
| San Miguel A | 54 | 53 | 53.50 | 53.50 |
| San Miguel B | 113 | 109 | 110 | 111 |
| SM Prime Hdg | 7.10 | 6.90 | 6.90 | 6.80 |

### Mexico
Bolsa index: 3376.61 Previous: 3390.48

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alfa A | 36.90 | 36.60 | 36.65 | 37.00 |
| Cemex B | 31.20 | 30.80 | 31.10 | 31.15 |
| Cifra C | 10.66 | 10.46 | 10.46 | 10.70 |
| Empresas ICA | 116.30 | 115.40 | 115.80 | 115.60 |
| Emp Modema | 38.65 | 38.40 | 38.50 | 38.35 |
| Femsa | 28.35 | 27.95 | 28.30 | 28.25 |
| Gpo Carso A1 | 41.85 | 41.65 | 41.85 | 41.85 |
| Televisa CPO | 105.50 | 104.40 | 105.50 | 105.70 |
| TelMex L | 12.46 | 12.40 | 12.44 | 12.42 |
| Tribasa | 21.80 | 21.60 | 21.80 | 21.55 |

### Milan
MIB Telematico: 10537.00 Previous: 10478.00

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alleanza Assic | 11900 | 11600 | 11840 | 11615 |
| Bca Comm Ital | 2855 | 2820 | 2850 | 2825 |
| Bca Naz Agricol | 1020 | 985 | 990 | 1011 |
| Bca Naz Lavoro | 12300 | 11900 | 12240 | 12150 |
| Bca di Roma | 1379 | 1352 | 1365 | 1360 |
| Bco Ambrosiano | 3690 | 3530 | 3670 | 3570 |
| Benetton | 19250 | 19010 | 19235 | 18975 |
| Credito Italiano | 1718 | 1690 | 1715 | 1682 |
| ENI | 7935 | 7855 | 7870 | 7880 |
| Fiat | 4540 | 4435 | 4540 | 4440 |
| Fondiaria | 5950 | 5840 | 5890 | 5840 |
| Generali Assic | 30550 | 30100 | 30350 | 30100 |
| IFIL | 4435 | 4320 | 4380 | 4360 |
| Italcementi | 8950 | 8830 | 8840 | 8815 |
| Italgas | 6420 | 6315 | 6405 | 6335 |
| Mediobanca | 8800 | 8690 | 8785 | 8655 |
| Montedison | 1065 | 1046 | 1054 | 1061 |
| Olivetti | 541 | 511 | 536 | 510 |
| Pirelli | 2855 | 2825 | 2850 | 2830 |
| RAS | 15140 | 15040 | 15050 | 15050 |
| Rinascente | 8990 | 8900 | 8930 | 8905 |
| S Paolo Torino | 9510 | 9330 | 9510 | 9450 |
| Sirti | 15100 | 15000 | 15000 | 14890 |
| Stet | 6545 | 6460 | 6500 | 6460 |
| Telecom Italia | 3620 | 3580 | 3580 | 3590 |
| Toro Assic | 20400 | 20300 | 20300 | 20250 |

### Montreal
Industrials index: 2689.43 Previous: 2732.49

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atco I | 23½ | 22.60 | 23 | 23½ |
| Bank Montreal | 42.15 | 40.35 | 40.40 | 42.40 |
| Bce Mob Com | 42¾ | 42¼ | 42¼ | 42.80 |
| Cdn Tire A | 22.95 | 22.60 | 22.80 | 23 |
| Cdn Util A | 31.40 | 30.70 | 30.70 | 31.15 |
| Cascades | 8.10 | 7.85 | 7.90 | 8 |
| CT Finl Svc | 34 | 33¾ | 34 | 34 |
| Extendicare | 17½ | 17½ | 17½ | 18 |
| Gaz Metro | 18.05 | 17 | 17¾ | 18.05 |
| Gt-West Lifeco | 40.60 | 40.40 | 40.40 | 40½ |
| Hees Intl Bcp | 20.20 | 19.80 | 20 | 20¼ |
| Hudsons Bay | 23.60 | 23 | 23.60 | 23½ |
| Imasco | 33.20 | 32.30 | 32½ | 33¼ |
| Investors Grp | 25.60 | 24 | 24¼ | 25¼ |
| Loblaw Cos | 14.35 | 14.20 | 14.20 | 14.30 |
| Molson A | 22.10 | 21.80 | 21.85 | 22.05 |
| Natl Bk Canada | 13.95 | 13¾ | 13¾ | 14.10 |
| Oshawa A | 19.95 | 19¾ | 19.80 | 20 |
| Pancdn Petlm | 52¼ | 52¼ | 52¼ | 52¾ |
| Power Corp | 28½ | 27.40 | 27½ | 28½ |
| Power Finl | 49¼ | 48 | 48½ | 49.15 |
| Quebecor B | 24.40 | 24.20 | 24.30 | 24.35 |
| Rogers Comm B | 10.30 | 10.10 | 10.10 | 10¼ |
| Royal Bk Cda | 48 | 45¾ | 46.80 | 48.10 |
| Sears Canada | 10.40 | 10¼ | 10.40 | 10½ |
| Shell Cda A | 51.30 | 50½ | 50½ | 50½ |
| Southam | 19.90 | 19.80 | 19.85 | 19.70 |
| Stelco A | 8.35 | 7.85 | 7.95 | 8.30 |
| Trilon Finl A | 6.70 | 6½ | 6.70 | 6.60 |

### Oslo
OBX index: 521.83 Previous: 517.25

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aker A | 143.50 | 141 | 141 | 141.50 |
| Bergesen Dy B | 152 | 149 | 150 | 152 |
| Christiania Bk | 20.20 | 20 | 20 | 19.90 |
| Den norske Bk | 24.90 | 24.50 | 24.70 | 24.50 |
| SAS Norge ASA | 63.50 | 62.50 | 63 | 63.50 |
| Dyno Indust | 164 | 161 | 161 | 162 |
| Elkem | 105 | 102 | 103 | 104 |
| Hafslund A | 49 | 48.50 | 48.50 | 48.60 |
| Kvaerner | 286 | 280 | 286 | 280 |
| Leif Hoegh | 124 | 122 | 123 | 122 |
| Norsk Hydro | 334 | 330 | 333.50 | 331 |
| Norske Skog A | 202 | 201 | 202 | 200 |
| Orkla | 430 | 424 | 425 | 428 |
| Rieber B | 189 | 185 | 187 | 184 |
| Saga Petim B | 99.50 | 93 | 99.50 | 93.50 |
| Schibsted | 121 | 120 | 121 | 121 |
| Storebrand | 38 | 37.90 | 38 | 37.60 |

### Paris
CAC-40: 2292.50 Previous: 2308.65

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Accor | 666 | 655 | 660 | 663 |
| AGF | 168 | 163 | 164.90 | 166.60 |
| Air Liquide | 820 | 810 | 820 | 818 |
| Alcatel Alsth | 465.60 | 457 | 457 | 460 |
| Axa | 310.80 | 305.50 | 305.90 | 307.70 |
| Bancaire | 626 | 614 | 618 | 627 |
| BNP | 208.80 | 205.20 | 206 | 206.80 |
| Bouygues | 577 | 557 | 575 | 560 |
| Canal Plus | 1194 | 1176 | 1188 | 1195 |
| Carrefour | 3275 | 3215 | 3226 | 3250 |
| CCF | 249 | 243.60 | 246.80 | 245 |
| Credit Local cl | 471 | 456 | 465.80 | 470.90 |
| Credit Lyon PC | 132 | 128.60 | 130 | 132 |
| Crown Cork Seal | 273.50 | 272 | 273.50 | 272 |
| Danone | 753 | 740 | 749 | 746 |
| Elf-Aquitaine | 459.50 | 443 | 443 | 457 |
| Eridania BS | 842 | 818 | 826 | 838 |
| Euro Disney | 10.75 | 10.50 | 10.65 | 10.70 |
| Eurotunnel uts | 7.30 | 7.10 | 7.30 | 7.20 |
| Gen. Eaux | 654 | 645 | 648 | 655 |
| Havas | 382 | 374 | 380 | 376.40 |
| Lafarge Cop | 337.90 | 328 | 332 | 329.50 |
| Legrand | 920 | 903 | 905 | 910 |
| L'Oreal | 1922 | 1891 | 1907 | 1902 |
| LVMH | 1372 | 1316 | 1325 | 1355 |
| Lyon. Eaux | 503 | 492.20 | 492.70 | 498.20 |
| Michelin B | 280.90 | 274.70 | 277 | 278.40 |
| Navig Mixte | 760 | 760 | 760 | 760 |
| Paribas A | 367.90 | 362.50 | 363 | 365 |
| Pechiney SA | 210 | 207.10 | 209 | 210 |
| Pernod Ricard | 281.80 | 276.50 | 278.80 | 280.20 |
| Peugeot Cit | 633 | 618 | 622 | 638 |
| Pinault-Print | 2090 | 2042 | 2055 | 2050 |
| Promodes | 1449 | 1408 | 1413 | 1434 |
| Renault | 119 | 116.70 | 117.20 | 118.60 |
| Rh-Poulenc A | 167 | 164.80 | 167 | 167 |
| Roussel-Uclaf | 1399 | 1377 | 1392 | 1376 |
| Sanofi | 482 | 469.10 | 480.40 | 472 |
| Schneider | 247 | 243.60 | 243.60 | 246.20 |
| Ste Generale | 563 | 553 | 557 | 562 |
| St Gobain | 757 | 745 | 752 | 750 |
| St Louis | 1339 | 1300 | 1310 | 1320 |
| Suez | 222 | 219.60 | 220.10 | 221.10 |
| Thomson CSF | 164 | 159.20 | 162 | 160.50 |
| Total B | 423.90 | 413 | 416 | 423.90 |
| UAP | 138.60 | 136.50 | 136.80 | 137.70 |
| Valeo | 332 | 323 | 329 | 325 |

### São Paulo
Bovespa index: 69471.10 Previous: 67976.10

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bco Brasil Pfd | 9.30 | 9.10 | 9.190 | 9.20 |
| Banespa Pfd | 5.65 | 5.41 | 5.43 | 5.60 |
| Bradesco Pfd | 7.60 | 7.56 | 7.58 | 7.56 |
| Brahma Pfd | 610.50 | 609.00 | 610.00 | 610.00 |
| Cemig Pfd | 38.00 | 33.50 | 35.50 | 33.50 |
| CESP Pfd | 35.49 | 33.51 | 35.49 | 33.20 |
| Eletrobras B | 368.00 | 355.00 | 367.00 | 354.00 |
| Itaubanco Pfd | 400.00 | 393.00 | 400.00 | 392.50 |
| Light | 328.00 | 318.00 | 328.00 | 322.00 |
| Paranapan Pfd | 9.79 | 9.68 | 9.79 | 9.70 |
| Petrobras Pfd | 155.00 | 147.50 | 150.99 | 147.50 |
| Sid Nacional | 27.80 | 26.90 | 27.490 | 27.50 |
| Souza Cruz | 6.20 | 6.15 | 6.18 | 6.10 |
| Telebras Pfd | 81.20 | 79.50 | 80.40 | 79.70 |
| Telesp Pfd | 195.00 | 190.00 | 194.00 | 189.50 |
| Usiminas Pfd | 1.06 | 1.03 | 1.04 | 1.03 |
| CVRD Pfd | 21.40 | 21.00 | 21.00 | 21.20 |

### Seoul
Composite index: 706.30 Previous: 715.87

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Daewoo Heavy | 5750 | 5590 | 5610 | 5750 |
| Hyundai Eng | 21500 | 20600 | 20600 | 21500 |
| Hyundai Motor | 22600 | 22000 | 22600 | 22600 |
| Korea El Pwr | 26500 | 25900 | 26000 | 26400 |
| Korea Mob Tel | 435000 | 420000 | 423500 | 435000 |
| LG Electronics | 12100 | 11600 | 11600 | 12200 |
| Pohang Iron St | 40400 | 39400 | 39500 | 39800 |
| Samsung Elec | 59100 | 57500 | 58000 | 59100 |
| Samsung Hvy | 10000 | 9800 | 10000 | 10000 |
| Yukong | 18500 | 17800 | 17900 | 18500 |

### Singapore
Straits Times: 2214.17 Previous: 2194.36

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cerebos Pac | 10.70 | 10.40 | 10.70 | 10.40 |
| City Devits | 13 | 12.60 | 13 | 12.80 |
| Cycle Carriage | 16 | 15.90 | 15.90 | 16 |
| Dairy Farm Int * | 0.78 | 0.73 | 0.76 | 0.73 |
| DBS | 9 | 8.90 | 9 | 8.90 |
| DBS Land | 5.10 | 5 | 5.05 | 5 |
| Fraser & Neave | 15.50 | 15.10 | 15.50 | 15.10 |
| HK Land * | 3.02 | 2.96 | 3 | 3 |
| Hong Leong Fin | 3.32 | 3.30 | 3.30 | 3.28 |
| Jard Matheson * | 6.95 | 6.75 | 6.90 | 6.80 |
| Jard Strategic * | 3.64 | 3.56 | 3.62 | 3.54 |
| Keppel | 11 | 10.80 | 10.90 | 10.70 |
| Natsteel | 3.02 | 3 | 3 | 3.02 |
| Neptune Orient | 1.23 | 1.21 | 1.22 | 1.21 |
| OCBC foreign | 17.30 | 17 | 17.20 | 17 |
| O'Sea Union Bk | 6.35 | 6.30 | 6.35 | 6.35 |
| Sembawang | 7.85 | 7.65 | 7.85 | 7.60 |
| Sing Airlines F | 13.30 | 13.10 | 13.10 | 13.30 |
| Sing Petim | 1.79 | 1.79 | 1.79 | 1.79 |
| Sing Press F | 26.60 | 26.20 | 26.20 | 26 |
| ST Auto F | 3.06 | 3.06 | 3.06 | 3.10 |
| ST Ship | 1.97 | 1.90 | 1.90 | 1.97 |
| Sing Telecomm | 3.38 | 3.32 | 3.32 | 3.38 |
| Straits Steam | 4.60 | 4.56 | 4.60 | 4.62 |
| Utd Industrial | 1.19 | 1.18 | 1.18 | 1.18 |
| Utd O'Sea Bk F | 15.40 | 15.10 | 15.30 | 15.10 |
| Wing Tai Hdgs | 4.06 | 4 | 4.04 | 4 |

*: in U.S. dollars.

### Stockholm
SX 16 index: 2473.93 Previous: 2447.46

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AGA BF | 104.50 | 103.50 | 104 | 103.50 |
| ABB AF | 800 | 780 | 799 | 783 |
| AssiDoman F | 186.50 | 182 | 186.50 | 185 |
| Astra AF | 339 | 327.50 | 336.50 | 327.50 |
| Atlas Copco AF | 160 | 153.50 | 157 | 154.50 |
| Avesta F | 74 | 72.50 | 73 | 73.50 |
| Electrolux BF | 418.50 | 413 | 416 | 411.50 |
| Ericsson BF | 206.50 | 203 | 203.50 | 205 |
| Hennes BF | 960 | 940 | 946 | 963 |
| Incentive AF | 455 | 438 | 453 | 439 |
| Investor BF | 286 | 278.50 | 284.50 | 279 |
| Kinnevik BF | 204 | 201 | 203.50 | 205 |
| MoDo BF | 196 | 191.50 | 193 | 192.50 |
| Pharm/Upjohn | 269 | 265.50 | 269 | 263 |
| Sandvik BF | 169.50 | 167.50 | 168.50 | 168 |
| SCA BF | 150.50 | 148.50 | 150 | 149.50 |
| S-E Banken AF | 61.50 | 60 | 61 | 61 |
| Skandia Fors F | 193.50 | 189 | 190 | 192.50 |
| Skanska BF | 302 | 296 | 301 | 297 |
| SKF BF | 149.50 | 147 | 149 | 148 |
| SSAB BF | 113 | 112 | 112 | 111.50 |
| Stora AF | 97 | 93.50 | 94.50 | 95 |
| Sv Handles AF | 185 | 178 | 180.50 | 182.50 |
| Sydkraft AF | 150 | 150 | 150 | 153 |
| Trelleborg BF | 89.50 | 87.50 | 89 | 88.50 |
| Volvo BF | 155 | 147 | 155 | 147.50 |

### Sydney
All Ordinaries: 2383.30 Previous: 2370.70

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amcor | 7.88 | 7.76 | 7.82 | 7.75 |
| ANZ Bking | 7.95 | 7.89 | 7.93 | 8.18 |
| BHP | 17.97 | 17.58 | 17.96 | 17.62 |
| Boral | 3.50 | 3.42 | 3.48 | 3.43 |
| Brambles Ind. | 21.70 | 21.60 | 21.65 | 21.55 |
| Burns Philip | 2.25 | 2.19 | 2.20 | 2.23 |
| CBA | 12.16 | 12 | 12.12 | 12 |
| CC Amatil | 13.81 | 13.60 | 13.70 | 13.80 |
| Coles Myer | 4.59 | 4.53 | 4.55 | 4.53 |
| Comalco | 6.46 | 6.31 | 6.35 | 6.31 |
| CRA Ltd | 19.91 | 19.60 | 19.77 | 19.95 |
| CSR | 4.23 | 4.16 | 4.22 | 4.18 |
| Fosters Brew | 2.33 | 2.30 | 2.31 | 2.31 |
| GIO Australia | 3.45 | 3.36 | 3.44 | 3.39 |
| Goodman Fld | 1.66 | 1.62 | 1.62 | 1.67 |
| ICI Australia | 13.10 | 12.90 | 13.10 | 12.87 |
| John Fairfax | 2.76 | 2.71 | 2.76 | 2.72 |
| Lend Lease | 23.21 | 23.15 | 23.30 | 23.35 |
| Mayne Nickless | 8.10 | 7.90 | 8.05 | 7.90 |
| MIM Hdgs | 1.69 | 1.65 | 1.65 | 1.67 |
| Nat Aust Bank | 14.98 | 14.85 | 14.98 | 14.88 |
| News Corp | 6.47 | 6.33 | 6.45 | 6.33 |
| North Ltd | 3.75 | 3.66 | 3.70 | 3.66 |
| Pacific Dunlop | 2.85 | 2.79 | 2.84 | 2.79 |
| Pioneer Intl | 3.53 | 3.49 | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| Placer Pacific | 1.88 | 1.87 | 1.88 | 1.84 |
| Santos | 4.96 | 4.92 | 4.95 | 4.94 |
| Southcorp | 4.03 | 3.97 | 4.03 | 3.97 |
| Wesfarmers | 8.68 | 8.45 | 8.68 | 8.48 |
| Wstrn Mining | 7.65 | 7.57 | 7.60 | 7.62 |
| Westfield Trt | 2.45 | 2.42 | 2.43 | 2.44 |
| Westpac Bking | 7.43 | 7.38 | 7.39 | 7.42 |
| Woodside Pet | 8.80 | 8.68 | 8.77 | 8.70 |
| Woolworths | 3.07 | 3.03 | 3.06 | 3.05 |

### Taipei
Stock Market index: 6919.49 Previous: 6943.64

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Asia Cement | 53.50 | 51.50 | 51.50 | 53 |
| Cathay Life Ins | 182 | 178 | 180 | 177 |
| Chang Hwa Bk | 157 | 154 | 155 | 154 |
| China Steel | 27.40 | 26.50 | 26.50 | 27 |
| China Trust | 54.50 | 52.50 | 53 | 53 |
| Evergreen | 58.50 | 56.50 | 56.50 | 58.50 |
| Far East Text | 28.90 | 28.20 | 28.40 | 28.70 |
| First Bank | 169 | 165 | 166 | 165 |
| Formosa CF | 45.50 | 44.40 | 44.80 | 45.10 |
| Hua Nan Bk | 131.50 | 128.50 | 129 | 128 |
| Hualon Teijran | 25.10 | 24.30 | 24.40 | 24.90 |
| ICBC | 88 | 85 | 85.50 | 86.50 |
| President Ent | 44.20 | 43.20 | 43.20 | 43.10 |
| Taiwan Cemt | 64 | 63 | 63 | 63.50 |
| Tatung | 58.50 | 57 | 57.50 | 57 |

### Tokyo
Nikkei 225: 20943.90 Previous: 20659.97

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ajinomoto | 1300 | 1260 | 1300 | 1270 |
| All Nippon Air | 940 | 930 | 934 | 926 |
| Asahi Bank | 1100 | 1090 | 1100 | 1100 |
| Asahi Chem | 728 | 718 | 723 | 720 |
| Asahi Glass | 1140 | 1120 | 1140 | 1130 |
| Bk Tokyo Mitsu | 2290 | 2260 | 2260 | 2290 |
| Bk Yokohama | 806 | 797 | 805 | 806 |
| Bridgestone | 2210 | 2080 | 2200 | 2080 |
| Canon | 2560 | 2460 | 2560 | 2430 |
| Chiba Bank | 849 | 841 | 849 | 845 |
| Chubu Elec | 2350 | 2330 | 2350 | 2340 |
| Chugoku Elec | 2310 | 2290 | 2300 | 2300 |
| Daiei | 935 | 922 | 930 | 930 |
| Daiichi Kang | 1830 | 1810 | 1820 | 1820 |
| Daiwa Bank | 644 | 625 | 630 | 644 |
| Daiwa House | 1560 | 1540 | 1550 | 1570 |
| Daiwa Sec | 1190 | 1170 | 1170 | 1180 |
| Denso | 2770 | 2640 | 2770 | 2610 |
| Fanuc | 3800 | 3580 | 3800 | 3590 |
| Fuji Bank | 1940 | 1910 | 1910 | 1940 |
| Fuji Photo | 3760 | 3610 | 3750 | 3570 |
| Fujitsu | 1090 | 1060 | 1080 | 1060 |
| Hitachi | 1090 | 1060 | 1080 | 1070 |
| Honda Motor | 3380 | 3210 | 3360 | 3220 |
| IBJ | 2160 | 2130 | 2130 | 2160 |
| IHI | 533 | 526 | 531 | 526 |
| Itochu | 680 | 670 | 675 | 669 |
| Ito-Yokado | 5600 | 5470 | 5600 | 5450 |
| JAL | 646 | 636 | 644 | 644 |
| Jusco | 3880 | 3720 | 3880 | 3720 |
| Kajima | 901 | 886 | 898 | 894 |
| Kansai Elec | 2400 | 2370 | 2390 | 2390 |
| Kao | 1320 | 1300 | 1300 | 1320 |
| Kawa Steel | 351 | 343 | 345 | 348 |
| KDD | 8010 | 7840 | 8000 | 7850 |
| Kinki Nipp Ry | 746 | 744 | 746 | 745 |
| Kirin Brewery | 1170 | 1150 | 1160 | 1160 |
| Kobe Steel | 262 | 258 | 259 | 267 |
| Komatsu | 983 | 969 | 981 | 969 |
| Kubota | 641 | 634 | 641 | 632 |
| Kyocera | 7160 | 7080 | 7140 | 7150 |
| Kyushu Elec | 2400 | 2380 | 2380 | 2390 |
| LTCB | 674 | 660 | 665 | 674 |
| Marubeni | 503 | 498 | 501 | 504 |
| Marui | 2170 | 2150 | 2160 | 2150 |
| Matsu Elec Ind | 1980 | 1920 | 1980 | 1930 |
| Matsu Elec Wk | 1080 | 1060 | 1080 | 1070 |
| Mitsubishi | 1320 | 1290 | 1320 | 1290 |
| Mitsubishi Ch | 431 | 425 | 429 | 425 |
| Mitsubishi El | 676 | 655 | 676 | 658 |
| Mitsubishi Est | 1380 | 1360 | 1380 | 1350 |
| Mitsubishi Hvy | 948 | 915 | 944 | 914 |
| Mitsubishi Mat | 883 | 874 | 874 | 888 |
| Mitsubishi Tr | 1810 | 1770 | 1780 | 1770 |
| Mitsui | 974 | 956 | 973 | 955 |
| Mitsui Fudosn | 1340 | 1310 | 1330 | 1310 |
| Mitsui Trust | 1040 | 1020 | 1040 | 1030 |
| Murata Mfg | 3820 | 3800 | 3820 | 3760 |
| NEC | 1390 | 1350 | 1380 | 1360 |
| Nikko Sec | 1030 | 1010 | 1020 | 1020 |
| Nintendo | 8090 | 7880 | 8090 | 8000 |
| Nipp Credit Bk | 294 | 290 | 293 | 293 |
| Nipp Express | 827 | 820 | 825 | 825 |
| Nippon Oil | 615 | 604 | 605 | 613 |
| Nippon Paper | 640 | 623 | 629 | 628 |
| Nippon Steel | 346 | 339 | 346 | 336 |
| Nippon Yusen | 539 | 533 | 535 | 534 |
| Nissan Motor | 800 | 791 | 798 | 790 |
| NKK | 282 | 271 | 279 | 280 |
| Nomura Sec | 1860 | 1840 | 1850 | 1860 |
| NTT | 8330a | 8140a | 8300a | 8110a |
| Obayashi | 827 | 818 | 823 | 824 |
| Odakyu El Ry | 706 | 700 | 706 | 700 |
| Ono Pharm | 3680 | 3530 | 3670 | 3540 |
| Osaka Gas | 346 | 335 | 341 | 336 |
| Ricoh | 1310 | 1240 | 1310 | 1220 |
| Sakura Bk | 1000 | 985 | 985 | 1000 |
| Sankyo | 3350 | 3130 | 3310 | 3120 |
| Sanwa Bank | 1820 | 1770 | 1780 | 1810 |
| Sanyo Elec | 522 | 505 | 521 | 505 |
| Secom | 6980 | 6890 | 6980 | 6910 |
| Seibu Rwy | 5800 | 5520 | 5800 | 5500 |
| Sekisui House | 1220 | 1200 | 1220 | 1210 |
| Seven-Eleven | 6840 | 6620 | 6820 | 6630 |
| Sharp | 1770 | 1730 | 1760 | 1740 |
| Shimizu | 932 | 915 | 925 | 932 |
| Shin-etsu Ch | 2120 | 2070 | 2100 | 2060 |
| Shizuoka Bk | 1300 | 1260 | 1260 | 1290 |
| Sony | 7520 | 7440 | 7500 | 7430 |
| Sumitomo | 969 | 940 | 969 | 948 |
| Sumitomo Bk | 1970 | 1940 | 1950 | 1970 |
| Sumit Chem | 497 | 490 | 495 | 491 |
| Sumitomo Elec | 1640 | 1600 | 1640 | 1600 |
| Sumit Metal | 307 | 302 | 302 | 303 |
| Sumit Trust | 1240 | 1210 | 1210 | 1230 |
| Taisei | 636 | 619 | 619 | 636 |
| Taisho Pharm | 2560 | 2480 | 2540 | 2480 |
| Takeda Chem | 2390 | 2280 | 2380 | 2260 |
| TDK | 7490 | 7150 | 7490 | 7140 |
| Tohoku El Pwr | 2350 | 2320 | 2340 | 2340 |
| Tokai Bank | 1320 | 1300 | 1310 | 1320 |
| Tokio Marine | 1220 | 1200 | 1200 | 1210 |
| Tokyo El Pwr | 2570 | 2550 | 2570 | 2560 |
| Tokyo Gas | 326 | 325 | 326 | 325 |
| Tokyu | 755 | 745 | 747 | 749 |
| Tonen | 1560 | 1530 | 1560 | 1530 |
| Toppan Print | 1480 | 1440 | 1480 | 1450 |
| Toray Ind | 721 | 712 | 717 | 711 |
| Toshiba | 737 | 725 | 737 | 726 |
| Toyo Seikan | 3710 | 3580 | 3690 | 3550 |
| Toyo Trust | 1000 | 985 | 1000 | 981 |
| Toyota Motor | 3230 | 3070 | 3230 | 3060 |
| Yamaichi Sec | 566 | 557 | 565 | 558 |
| Yamanouchi | 2400 | 2310 | 2390 | 2310 |
| Yasuda Fire | 739 | 720 | 722 | 716 |
| Yasuda Trust | 525 | 522 | 522 | 524 |

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### Toronto
TSE Industrials: 5841.75 Previous: 5910.65

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abitibi Price | 19.95 | 19¾ | 19.80 | 19.95 |
| Air Canada | 6.20 | 6.10 | 6.10 | 6.10 |
| Alberta Energy | 31.70 | 31.40 | 31½ | 31.60 |
| Alcan Alum | 47.70 | 46.40 | 47.60 | 46.80 |
| Avenor A | 22.35 | 22.10 | 22¼ | 22.45 |
| Bk Nova Scotia | 45⅛ | 43⅝ | 43¾ | 45.65 |
| Barrick Gold | 40.60 | 39 | 40¼ | 39.30 |
| BCE | 66.65 | 64.05 | 64.35 | 66.65 |
| BC Telecomm | 30.60 | 30.30 | 30.30 | 30.70 |
| Bombardier B | 23.65 | 22.85 | 22.85 | 23.70 |
| Brascan A | 30½ | 30¼ | 30.40 | 30½ |
| Cameco | 56.15 | 55.80 | 55.95 | 56¼ |
| CIBC | 59.30 | 56.60 | 57 | 59½ |
| Cdn Airlines | 2.30 | 2.16 | 2.16 | 2.15 |
| Cdn Nat Res | 37.20 | 36¼ | 36.90 | 36.65 |
| Cdn Occid Pet | 24 | 23.60 | 23.65 | 24 |
| Cdn Pacific | 36.05 | 34.80 | 35.90 | 36.05 |
| Cominco | 34½ | 34.10 | 34.10 | 34.20 |
| Consumers Gas | 23.55 | 23½ | 23.55 | 23½ |
| Dofasco | 25.45 | 24½ | 25 | 25.55 |
| Domtar Inc | 9 | 8.90 | 9 | 9.15 |
| Du Pont Cda A | 33.15 | 31½ | 31½ | 33¼ |
| Echo Bay Min | 9½ | 8.30 | 9.20 | 8½ |
| Empire Co. A | 13 | 13 | 13 | 12¾ |
| Falconbridge | 30.65 | 30.40 | 30.45 | 30½ |
| Fletcher Chall A | 21.15 | 21 | 21.10 | 21.35 |
| Franco Nevada | 54.80 | 53.80 | 54.80 | 53.90 |
| Guardian Cap A | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12½ |
| Imperial Oil | 61.85 | 61¼ | 61¼ | 61½ |
| Inco | 46½ | 45¼ | 46.05 | 46½ |
| IPL Energy | 40.15 | 39.95 | 40.10 | 40.10 |
| Laidlaw A | 16.40 | 15.95 | 16.10 | 16½ |
| Laidlaw B | 16.35 | 16.05 | 16.10 | 16.35 |
| Loewen Group | 54½ | 53¼ | 54½ | 53.90 |
| Ldn Insur Gp | 36.90 | 36¼ | 36½ | 36.85 |
| Macmill Bldl | 19 | 18½ | 18.70 | 19 |
| Magna Intl A | 74½ | 73¼ | 74¼ | 73.60 |
| Maple Leaf Fds | 9.20 | 9 | 9 | 9.20 |
| Moore | 28.10 | 27.60 | 27.70 | 28.20 |
| Newbridge Net | 39.40 | 38 | 38.10 | 38.60 |
| Noranda Inc | 31½ | 30.90 | 30.90 | 31½ |
| Noranda Forest | 9.40 | 9¼ | 9.30 | 9.45 |
| Norcen Energy | 30.40 | 29.90 | 29.90 | 30½ |
| Nthern Telecom | 84 | 82.10 | 82.80 | 84.30 |
| Nova | 12.70 | 12½ | 12.65 | 12.65 |
| Onex | 19.40 | 19.30 | 19.30 | 19.40 |
| Placer Dome | 32.55 | 30.90 | 31 | 31½ |
| Potash Sask | 107¾ | 106.10 | 107.70 | 106.20 |
| Provigo | 5.90 | 5.85 | 5.90 | 5.85 |
| Quebecor Print | 24½ | 24.30 | 24.40 | 24.10 |
| Renaissance | 47.65 | 46½ | 47.40 | 47.60 |
| Rio Algom | 32 | 31½ | 32 | 31.60 |
| Seagram Co | 54.95 | 53.45 | 53½ | 54.40 |
| Stone Consolid | 18.40 | 18¼ | 18.30 | 18½ |
| Talisman Eny | 46 | 44¾ | 45.90 | 46 |
| Teleglobe | 37.45 | 37.10 | 37.10 | 37.40 |
| Telus | 20.35 | 19.90 | 19.90 | 20.65 |
| Thomson | 29.70 | 28½ | 28.55 | 29.85 |
| TorDom Bank | 34.10 | 32.65 | 32.85 | 34½ |
| Transalta | 17 | 16¾ | 16.90 | 17.05 |
| TransCda Pipe | 24 | 23½ | 23½ | 23.95 |
| Trizec Hahn | 28.20 | 27.30 | 28.10 | 27½ |
| Utd Dominion | 32.80 | 32½ | 32½ | 32½ |
| Westburn | 12¼ | 12⅛ | 12¼ | 12¼ |
| Westcoast Eny | 24 | 23.45 | 23.45 | 24.10 |
| Weston | 64.95 | 63.55 | 64.95 | 63¼ |

### Vienna
ATX index: 1132.55 Previous: 1132.67

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aust Airlines | 1605 | 1605 | 1500 | 1500 |
| Brau-Un Goess | 681 | 655 | 664 | 660 |
| Bund Vers Pfd | 378 | 378 | 490 | 490 |
| Creditanst Pfd | 527.90 | 520 | 520 | 510.20 |
| EA-Generali | 3692 | 3590 | 3660 | 3555 |
| EVN | 1590 | 1550 | 1552 | 1574 |
| Interunfall | 1490 | 1490 | 1500 | 1500 |
| Lenzing | 698 | 690 | 695 | 697 |
| Leykam | 298.50 | 294 | 295 | 291 |
| Mayr-Meinhof | 549.50 | 537 | 544 | 536 |
| OMV | 1183.65 | 1152 | 1155 | 1152 |
| Oest Brau | 760 | 740 | 750 | 741 |
| Oest Elektriz | 794 | 784.70 | 789 | 784 |
| VA Tech | 1740 | 1701 | 1703 | 1700 |
| Wienerberger | 2063.45 | 2040 | 2040 | 2030 |

### Wellington
NZSE-40 index: 2393.92 Previous: 2391.28

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Air N Zeald B | 2.70 | 2.66 | 2.70 | 2.65 |
| Brierly Invt | 1.33 | 1.31 | 1.32 | 1.32 |
| Carter Holt ord | 3.46 | 3.42 | 3.46 | 3.50 |
| Fernz | 5.13 | 5.06 | 5.08 | 5.10 |
| Fisher Paykel | 5.40 | 5.40 | 5.40 | 5.42 |
| FC Forest | 2.35 | 2.30 | 2.31 | 2.33 |
| Goodman Fdsr | 1.86 | 1.83 | 1.83 | 1.81 |
| Indep News | 7.20 | 7.15 | 7.20 | 7.16 |
| Lion Nathan | 3.52 | 3.48 | 3.51 | 3.52 |
| Nat Gas note | 2.17 | 2.16 | 2.17 | 2.17 |
| NZ Refining | 28.00 | 28.00 | 28.00 | 28.50 |
| Telecom NZ | 7.50 | 7.42 | 7.50 | 7.43 |
| Wilson Horton | 11.20 | 11.15 | 11.20 | 11.12 |

### Zurich
SPI index: 2498.06 Previous: 2495.61

| | High | Low | Close | Prev. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adecco B | 337 | 334 | 334 | 336 |
| Alusuisse R | 1044 | 1037 | 1039 | 1039 |
| Ares-Serono B | 1207 | 1204 | 1205 | 1201 |
| Baloise Hdg R | 3000 | 2870 | 2960 | 2865 |
| ABB B | 1661 | 1646 | 1648 | 1654 |
| BK Vision | 764 | 755 | 760 | 757 |
| Bobst B | 1860 | 1835 | 1849 | 1850 |
| Ciba Geigy R | 1642 | 1622 | 1632 | 1624 |
| CS Holdings R | 137.50 | 134.50 | 135 | 136.50 |
| Elektrowatt B | 496 | 491 | 493 | 492 |
| Fischer B | 1370 | 1334 | 1365 | 1348 |
| Hilti PC | 818 | 802 | 818 | 818 |
| Holderbank B | 944 | 936 | 944 | 940 |
| Jul. Baer Hdg B | 1400 | 1391 | 1400 | 1385 |
| Nestle R | 1428 | 1416 | 1419 | 1421 |
| Oerlikon R | 134.50 | 132.50 | 132.50 | 133.50 |
| Pargesa Hld B | 1470 | 1450 | 1470 | 1465 |
| PharmVisn B | 610 | 603 | 608 | 604 |
| Pirelli B | 185 | 180.50 | 185 | 184 |
| Roche Hdg PC | 10230 | 10125 | 10160 | 10130 |
| Sandoz R | 1542 | 1528 | 1535 | 1528 |
| SBC R | 255.50 | 253 | 253.75 | 254.75 |
| Schindler B | 1385 | 1373 | 1375 | 1380 |
| SGS B | 3160 | 3065 | 3145 | 3085 |
| SMH B | 853 | 847 | 850 | 849 |
| Sulzer R | 755 | 738 | 740 | 741 |
| Swiss Reins R | 1432 | 1417 | 1420 | 1420 |
| Swissair R | 990 | 985 | 987 | 989 |
| UBS B | 1217 | 1207 | 1207 | 1212 |
| Valora Hdg R | 260 | 251 | 263 | 256 |
| Winterthur R | 799 | 787 | 789 | 788 |
| Zurich Assur R | 379 | 374 | 376 | 375 |

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# Jakarta Cuts Rates in Sign Of an Easing In Inflation

*Bloomberg Business News*

JAKARTA — The central bank trimmed interest rates Thursday in a move aimed at bringing down lending costs and spurring the economy as analysts said inflation and growth seemed to be slowing.

The cut lifted stocks, with the benchmark index surging to its highest point in more than six years on hopes that lower interest rates would help corporate earnings.

Separately, the rupiah fell slightly against the dollar after the central bank shifted its trading band to allow the currency to weaken further.

Bank Indonesia cut by 50 basis points, or half a percentage point, the interest rates on all categories of its SBPUs, the money-market certificates that effectively determine the rate at which banks can borrow from the central bank. The rates act as a benchmark for rates paid on deposits.

The rates were cut to 15.25 percent for one-week certificates, to 15.5 percent for two-week certificates and to 16 percent for all others.

"The latest inflation numbers showed there isn't that much pressure on the rupiah, and corporate earnings growth this year has shown the economy is weaker," said Chan Kok Peng, who tracks the Indonesian economy for Credit Lyonnais Securities (Singapore) Ltd.

High interest rates are used to control inflation and the overheating of the economy by discouraging new borrowing. Indonesian prime lending rates, the rates that banks charge their best customers, remain near 20 percent, among the highest in Asia.

Indonesia's concerns about a speedily growing economy — gross domestic product has grown 7 percent or more every year this decade — have been replaced by the need to create jobs for the country's growing population of nearly 200 million.

The Jakarta stock market's composite index rose 8.02 points, or 1.3 percent, to 634.29, its highest level since June 1990. Leading the increase was PT Telkom, the domestic phone company, which closed at 4,175 rupiah ($1.78), up 150. Bank stocks also rose, led by PT Bank Dagang Nasional Indonesia, up 125 to 2,575.

The dollar rose as high as 2,348.55 rupiah after closing Wednesday at 2,348.00 rupiah.

# *Quality Again Is a Draw in Japan*

*Bloomberg Business News*

OSAKA — Hideo Tsukamoto opens his tattered brown wallet to show its frayed change pocket. When he bought it in a discount supermarket run by Daiei Inc., he thought it was a bargain at 3,000 yen ($26).

Now he is not so sure.

"If I'd known it would fall apart like this in six months, I'd have been happy to pay 10,000 yen for a better one," said Mr. Tsukamoto, 31, a stockbroker.

Mr. Tsukamoto's discovery is the key to a paradox in Japanese retailing these days: Even as the economy slouches back toward recession, even as consumers fret more and overall spending falls, shoppers are spending more on the fewer things they choose to buy.

"We had a boom where people went crazy for the discount retailers," said Masumi Mizusawa, retail analyst at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson (Asia) Ltd. "But people realized the products don't last."

That realization is helping Japan's beleaguered department stores, such as Mitsukoshi Ltd. and Takashimaya Co., recover from the lean years that followed the collapse of Japan's economic boom of the 1980s. It is hurting discounters such as Daiei, whose honeymoon with Japanese consumers may be drawing to a close, and it is encouraging a new breed of retailer in Japan — the specialty store, such as Ryohin Keikaku, which sells its own brand of clothes and furniture.

For years, ever since the "bubble" economy burst at the end of the 1980s, discounters have held

**Even with the economy struggling, consumers are growing disillusioned with discount wares.**

the upper hand. Daiei, Japan's biggest supermarket chain, led the bargain craze, fashioning a "price-destruction" strategy in which it created house brands, slashed prices and compelled name-brand manufacturers to cut their prices as well.

To keep its costs down, Daiei cut staff, used cheap imports and opened up huge warehouse-type outlets like those run by Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in the United States.

Daiei prospered, but Mitsukoshi, Takashimaya and other high-end retailers suffered.

Today, Japan's economy is still foundering, and consumers are still fretting. Consumer spending shrank 0.5 percent between March and June, compared with the previous quarter, and then shrank a further 0.1 percent in the three months to September.

Nonetheless, cost-cutting and price-slashing seem to have lost their punch. To understand why, ask Keiko Yoshikawa, who recently plunked down a month's salary for a top-quality bag made by Chanel: "It's better to have one nice thing than a lot of cheap ones," she said.

Consumers such as Ms. Yoshikawa have taken their toll on discounters. Profit at Daiei, for example, fell 50 percent in the six months ended Sept. 30. Sales fell more than 1 percent, and the company halved its profit forecast for the year ending in March 1997.

Investors have noticed the problem as well. Daiei shares have fallen by nearly one-third this year. The shares ended unchanged Thursday at 930 yen.

Overall, the 133 retail companies that have announced first-half earnings half said pretax profits climbed 11.5 percent on average as sales rose 5.2 percent. They expect profit and sales to grow by around the same amounts for the full year. As a group, the retailers' shares have fallen about 6 percent for the year.

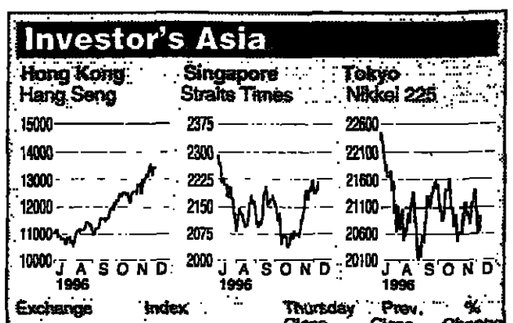
Meanwhile, Japan's posh department stores are slowly working their way back into consumers' pocketbooks. Department-store sales have risen from a year earlier for two consecutive months, and earnings are up as well.

Mitsukoshi, for example, said profit nearly quadrupled in the first half on a 1 percent increase in sales. The company said it would exceed its profit forecast by about 7 percent this year.

While some of the rise represents a comeback from the Kobe earthquake last year, Mitsukoshi was also helped by the growing quality-consciousness of Japanese shoppers.

"Some people like to go to the discounters," said Akiko Sasaki, who sells Chanel cosmetics at a Mitsukoshi in Osaka. "But if they want quality, they come to us."

## Investor's Asia




| Exchange | Index | Thursday Close | Prev. Close | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hong Kong | Hang Seng | 13,491.56 | 13,434.24 | +0.43 |
| Singapore | Straits Times | 2,214.17 | 2,194.36 | +0.90 |
| Sydney | All Ordinaries | 2,383.30 | 2,370.70 | +0.53 |
| Tokyo | Nikkei 225 | 20,943.90 | 20,659.91 | +1.37 |
| Kuala Lumpur | Composite | 1,224.94 | 1,223.78 | +0.09 |
| Bangkok | SET | Closed | 898.32 | – |
| Seoul | Composite Index | 706.30 | 716.87 | -1.34 |
| Taipei | Stock Market Index | 6,919.49 | 6,943.64 | -0.35 |
| Manila | PSE | 3,163.33 | 3,130.87 | +1.04 |
| Jakarta | Composite Index | 634.80 | 626.27 | +1.28 |
| Wellington | NZSE-40 | 2,393.92 | 2,391.28 | +0.11 |
| Bombay | Sensitive Index | 2,812.22 | 2,745.06 | +2.45 |

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## Very briefly:

- **Japan**'s imported motor vehicle sales rose 4.1 percent in November from a year earlier, to 35,933 units, the Japan Automobile Importers Association said.
- **China** could secure as much as $49.5 billion dollars in actual foreign investment next year, a surge of 15 percent from 1996, according to a report by the State Information Center.
- **Microsoft Corp.**, in a move to counter software piracy, opened a retail store in **Singapore**'s Sim Lim Square.
- **Vietnam** was granted financial aid of $67 million by France for 1996, the French Embassy in Hanoi said. The funds will be used for about 20 projects, most of them concerning water, health, air and land transportation, or education.
- **BPL Cellular Holdings**, an Indian telecommunications company, withdrew a planned issue of American depositary receipts, citing what it called negative market conditions for Indian stocks.
- **Japan**'s trade minister, Shinji Sato, said he would not attend next week's meetings of the World Trade Organization in Singapore for reasons related to the current bribery scandal in Japan involving the Trade Ministry.
- **Acer Inc.**, the Taiwan-based maker of personal computers, is Morgan Stanley's top pick among technology stocks in the Asia-Pacific region.

*AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg*

# A Clash of Agendas Ushers in the Trade Talks

*Reuters*

KUALA LUMPUR — The West wants level playing fields, the East says the players are unevenly matched, and battle lines are being drawn as global trade talks begin in Singapore next week, analysts said.

Emerging Asian economies say they will resist Western efforts to put labor standards, liberalized foreign-investment rules and new policies to promote competition on the agenda of the first annual World Trade Organization meeting.

Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad of Malaysia has been a vocal opponent of raising what he calls "extraneous issues" such as these at the talks.

"A lot has been said about level playing fields," he said at last month's meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, "but nothing is said of the size of the contestants. Imagine Malaysians playing football with an American team. Two-hundred-fifty-pounders on one side and 60-pound Malaysians on the other, playing a game we do not know. But we are supposed to play, and we are told, 'Look, it's fair.'"

The labor issue is the most contentious. The United States is pushing for standards such as the right of workers to form unions and a ban on child labor. Washington wants to show American workers — fearful that free trade means fewer jobs — that the WTO is responsive to their concerns.

Developing countries say the WTO is not the place for these issues. Adopting standards that would raise the cost of labor would erode an important advantage held by many emerging economies, economists say.

"If there are going to be battle lines drawn, it will probably be over labor standards," Desmond Supple, a regional economist with the research concern IDEA in Singapore, said.

Japan and Canada are leading a push, backed by the European Union, for a WTO agreement ensuring that foreign companies operate under the same rules as local concerns.

That means allowing them to take 100 percent equity in foreign ventures or enter such previously closed market areas as Indonesia's retailing and distribution sector.

Malaysia, Indonesia and India are leading the Asian charge against such a "multilateral investment agreement," saying it would abridge national sovereignty.

Asian nations also oppose the European Union's proposal to start talks at the WTO on national competition policies with the aim of eventually eliminating cartels and price-fixing agreements that keep foreign companies out of local markets.

Emerging Asian economies, meanwhile, want the Singapore meeting to focus on how the Uruguay Round of tariff cuts is being implemented.

They also want Western countries to open up their markets to textiles much more quickly than the 10-year timetable the United States and the EU agreed to under the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the predecessor of the WTO.

The West may have to compromise on textiles to win other concessions, possibly on open competition and liberalized investment policies, one Asian diplomat said.

Asian nations are also opposed to a so-called procurement code that would require much greater transparency in the awarding of government contracts and tenders.

### ■ Ending High-Tech Tariffs 'Impossible'

France's junior trade minister, Yves Galland, said it would be "impossible" to reach an agreement eliminating tariffs on information technology at the WTO meeting in Singapore, an idea that Washington and Tokyo are pushing, AFX News reported from Paris.

"We are not going to agree on the list of products to be covered in a week," Mr. Galland said. "We are not that far advanced."

## Calls for Strikes Batter Korea Stocks

*Bloomberg Business News*

SEOUL — More than 90 percent of the union members at Hyundai Motor Co. and Kia Motors Corp. voted to strike this month to protest a new labor law, union leaders said Thursday.

The benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index fell 9.62 points, or 1.34 percent, to 706.25 amid concern that the strike, called by the autoworkers' union and the Federation of Korean Trade Unions, would disrupt the economy.

# INVEST: *A Stock Hyped on the Internet Falls Afoul of Regulators*

Continued from Page 17

ulators, and the company's management took to the Net to defend itself before the SEC stepped in, also on line.

When Omnigene Diagnostics first showed up on Internet bulletin boards in early October, virtually identical messages praising the company appeared on different boards, signed with different names.

These messages said the company had no competition, had already racked up sales of $400,000, would have revenue of more than $2 million next year and had only 450,000 tradable shares. The messages urged readers to call the company's toll-free number for more information.

By then, Omnigene's share price had already jumped from $1, at which it was traded sparsely over the counter in July, to about $4. But as the Internet messages flew, so did the price, to more than $6.50 by mid-November.

Even early on, however, there were voices of caution. "Oh no, not another FL company," wrote someone on America Online's Investor Network. "I have heard that a lot of scams originate out of Florida." Other writers said the company did not seem to have filed documents with the SEC and was not traded on an exchange.

But naysayers were quickly shouted down by writers who accused them of trying to profit from a drop in the stock price. The boosters hinted of a deal with Procter & Gamble Co., and cheered each day's rising price with lines like, "I'm going to ride this train to the gold mine!"

As for Mr. Usinger, he said his Omnigene experience had made him a more cautious investor. Despite the abuse he received from some on-line critics, he said, he does not regret having shared his discoveries about the company with his fellow Internet investors, some of whom also got their money out before trading was halted.

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# Traveling To Venice

THE UNDISPUTED "QUEEN of the Seas" *(la Serenissima)*, Venice dominated trade between Western Europe and the Near East for nearly a millennium. Today, the city continues to be an important commercial hub. Its traditional crafts – ranging from the hand-blown glass of Murano to delicately embroidered lacework from Burano and nearby Chioggia, and objects in silver, wrought iron and embossed metal – may seem as dreamlike as the city itself, but their contribution in economic terms is indeed a substantial one.

The famed Venice Biennale, the world's largest modern art show, held from June to October in odd-numbered years, has set in motion a lively contemporary art scene in a number of local galleries. Venice is a popular place for conferences, too. International seminars and congresses are scheduled year-round on subjects as varied as business, science, medicine and comparative music studies.

The Fondazione Giorgio Cini (on the island of San Giorgio Maggiore) and the Centro Zitelle (Giudecca 34) are popular venues for meetings, although conference organizers have even been known to rent large boats on the Grand Canal as a floating site.

Those doing business in the surrounding area find Venice a convenient place to stay as well, as it is within easy commuting distance of Mestre and the port of Maghera. Venice's industrial zone across the lagoon on the mainland. Also within close proximity is Padua, a center for trade fairs that is also renowned for its shoe factories. Vicenza boasts an international reputation based on the skill of its goldsmiths, highlighted by separate trade fairs focusing on gems, watches, gold jewelry or sterling silver.

Treviso is home to Benetton, Stefanel and other companies specializing in fashion. Another widely recognized industry name, Luxottica, a giant in the field of eyeglasses and sunglasses, has its headquarters close to Belluno. And, Romeo and Juliet aside, Verona attracts a large number of buyers every year thanks to "Vinitaly," an international wine fair.

## At a Glance

Invest in a good map when you arrive in Venice, since getting lost is relatively easy in the labyrinth of narrow streets *(calli)*, which are often intersected by secondary canals *(rii)* spanned by bridges, small squares *(campi)* and relatively spacious waterside promenades *(fondamenti)*. Water buses *(vaporetti)* provide excellent, if not speedy, 24-hour service along the entire route of the Grand Canal, but during the day there is usually a long line of people waiting to buy a ticket on the quay before actually boarding.

With its mixture of Eastern (Byzantine) and Western (Romanesque) architecture, the basilica of San Marco (11th century) appears to have come straight out of Kublai Khan's Xanadu, evidence of Venice's historical link to Constantinople. San Marco lends its name to one of Venice's six neighborhoods *(sestieri)*, each of which is distinguished by world-famous landmarks.

South of San Marco is the Dorsoduro quarter, site of both the Accademia Gallery – which presents an anthology of Venetian painting from the Bellini family, ranging from the works of Giorgione (15th century) to Canaletto (18th century) – and the Peggy Guggenheim collection, featuring works by 20th century masters including Miró, Kandinsky, Rothko and Pollock.

The Grand Canal is flanked by Gothic palace museums such as the Ca' d'Oro in the Cannaregio district, which displays pictures by Titian and Mantegna, and elegant Gothic-style residences like Ca' Rezzonico, now the Museum of the 18th Century Venetian Home.

The covered Rialto bridge marks the entrance to San Polo, Venice's market and commercial zone; do not bypass the Basilica de' Frari, a gem for tourists and art lovers alike. Take the water bus to visit the islands in the Venetian lagoon: Murano, Torcello and Burano.

## Getting Around

The only means of quick transportation are the water taxis *(taxi acquei)*, but be prepared to face a stiff fare – so stiff that no one ever gives a tip – at the end of the ride. The taxis are not equipped with meters, so ask for the official rate set by Venice's taxi consortiums before setting off, and feel free to bargain. A surcharge is added from 10 P.M. to 7 A.M. and on Sundays and holidays.

To get a taxi, you must either call one of the direct numbers or go to water taxi stands located at Piazzale Roma, Rialto, San Marco, Fondamenta Nuove (Murano) and near the central train station (Santa Lucia).

Venice's Marco Polo airport offers flights to most major European cities and connections to New York and Toronto. The best way to get to and from Marco Polo is by the motorboat *(motoscafo)* service based in Piazza San Marco (tel.: 541.50.84) or by the overland airport bus (ATVO or ACTV).



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## In a Word

Even businesspeople fluent in Italian will have a hard time understanding the musical Venetian dialect, characterized by its distinctive Spanish sounds. Nearly everyone, however, speaks English, and the water bus and all train stops on the Venice line are announced in English.

## Wining & Dining

Fresh seafood, sautéed rice cooked in broth (risotto), grilled or fried cornmeal squares and soups are the basis of the local cuisine. Restaurant bills include VAT, cover and service charges, but leave an additional tip (not exceeding 10 percent) if you enjoy your meal. One Venetian custom, observed at any time of day, is to take a break with a glass of wine accompanied by bite-sized portions of marinated anchovies, delicately poached and pureed salt cod served on toast *(baccalà mantecato)*, grilled shrimp and squid. L'Acciugheta, via Campo SS Filippo e Giacomo, is an excellent place to indulge. Tel. 522.42.92.

At least once in your life, have a Bellini cocktail at Harry's Bar. This is a concoction of fresh peach juice and champagne-like sparkling dry Prosecco. Upstairs is the restaurant, distinguished for expertly prepared food, high prices and great views. Calle Vallaresso 1323. Tel.: 528.57.77.

Antico Pignolo, calle dei Specchieri 451. Tel: 522.81.23. Try the *risotto alla manzoni* with zucchini and jumbo shrimp. Another specialty is calf's liver sautéed with onions.

Al Graspo de Ua, calle dei Bombaseri 5094. Tel: 520.01.50. This is a Venetian institution. Recommended are the potato dumplings *(gnocchietti)* garnished with fresh scallops and mushrooms as well as the sea bass baked with black olives, white wine and tomato.

Al Covo, campiello della Pescaria 3968. Tel: 522.38.12. The absence of a freezer guarantees that shellfish is brought in daily, including *le moleche*, grilled soft-shell crabs served with polenta and green chicory.

Trattoria alla Madonna, calle della Madonna 594. Tel: 522.38.24. Perhaps the best *pasta e fagioli* (pureed bean soup with noodles) in town.

Fiaschetteria Toscana, San Giovanni Crisostomo 5719. Tel: 528.52.81. This former Tuscan wine bar now has an exclusively Venetian menu and a lovely outdoor terrace. Order the pasta with lobster sauce or the fish ravioli topped with *granseola* (crabmeat, a local Adriatic delicacy).

Da Fiore, calle del Scaleter 2202/A. Tel: 721.308. Wonderful food! The emphasis is on lightly fried fish, risotto flavored with seasonal vegetables and grilled cuttlefish *(seppioline)*.

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The Excelsior is also equipped with outstanding meeting facilities: its five meeting and conference rooms can accommodate up to 1,000 people. In addition, the Congress Center has a capacity of 600.

The Belle Epoque-style Hotel Des Bains has 191 rooms and 19 suites. It is set in a park and faces the beach.

Its three restaurants serve both international and regional cuisine, and guests can dine on a terrace overlooking the sea. The hotel has a piano bar, a poolside buffet and bar, and a bar on its private beach.

Leisure and sports facilities at the Hotel Des Bains include a heated outdoor swimming pool, two tennis courts, a golf course, horseback riding, water skiing and windsurfing.

The Hotel Des Bains has five meeting rooms that can accommodate up to 600, and outdoor receptions are possible for up to 2,000 people.

In Venice itself, ITT Sheraton runs three of the most fabulous hotels in the world, the Hotel Danieli and the Hotel Gritti Palace, both members of The Luxury Collection, as well as the recently restored Hotel Europa & Regina.

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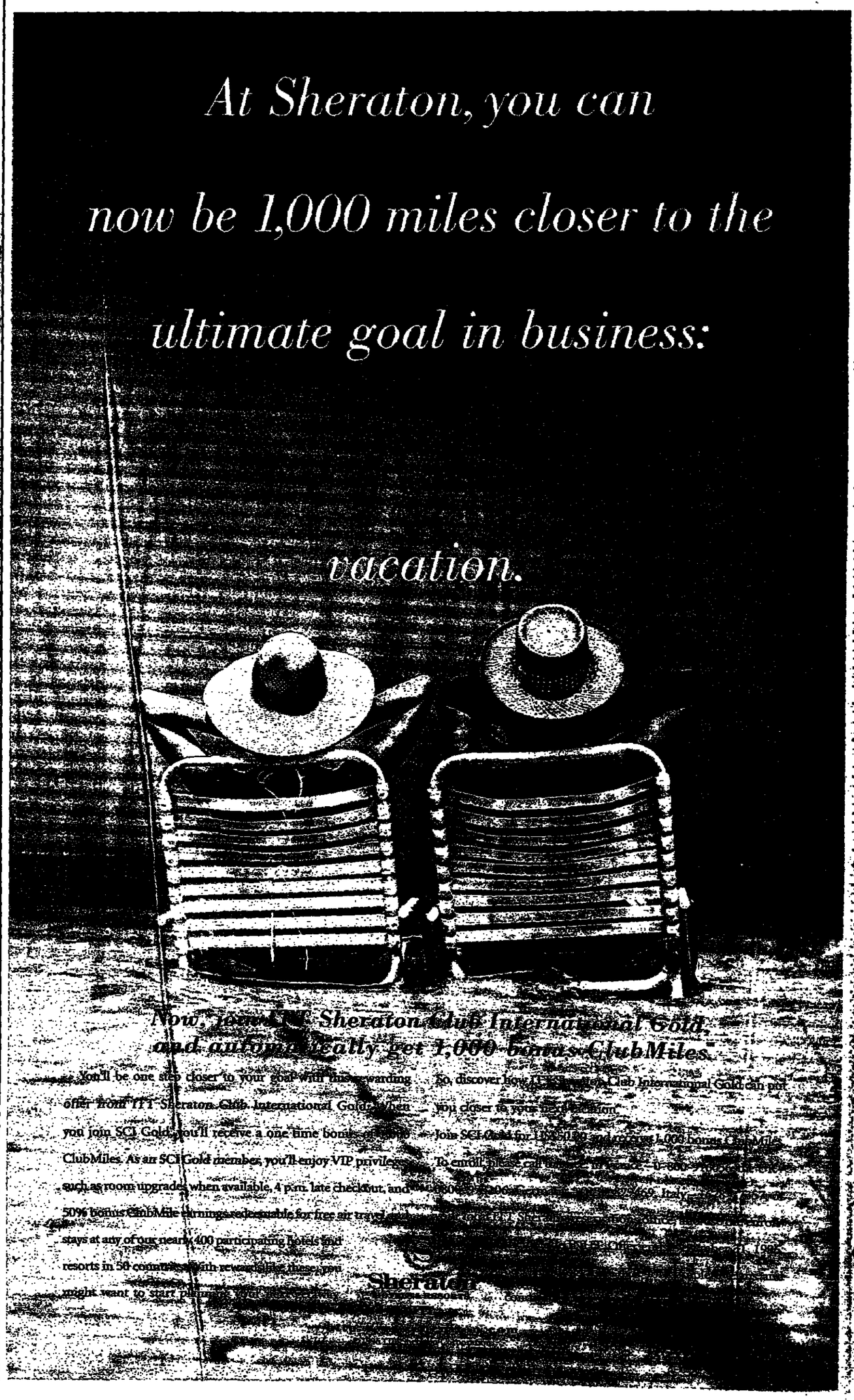
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*The Associated Press.*

# NYSE

**Thursday's 4 p.m. Close**
(Continued)

WORLD ROUNDUP



Diego Diaz/Reuters

**Patricio Camps scoring the first of Velez Sarfield's two goals.**

## Velez Is Victorious

**SOCCER** Velez Sarsfield of Argentina won the South American Supercup after comfortably winning the second leg of the final against Cruzeiro of Brazil, which had three players ejected from the game.

Velez, which also had a player dismissed, won 2-0 to take the title with a 3-0 aggregate total.

Patricio Camps fired the first goal from close range in the fourth minute. Four minutes later, Cruzeiro's hopes of winning the trophy for the third time evaporated when Gelson, a defenseman, slid the ball into his own goal as he tried to clear a low cross by Camps. *(AP)*

• Jorge Costa, a defenseman for FC Porto, has lodged a complaint with the police against AC Milan's striker George Weah, who butted him and broke his nose after a European Cup match Nov. 20. The complaint, which could end in a trial, was filed with the judicial police in Oporto, the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported. *(Reuters)*

## Butler Returning to L.A.

**BASEBALL** Brett Butler, whose comeback from cancer in September was cut short by a broken left hand, has agreed to a one-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Doctors removed a cancerous tonsil from the outfielder's throat on May 2 and operated again May 21 to remove lymph nodes. Butler, 39, played 34 games last season, hitting .267 with eight RBIs and eight stolen bases. *(AP)*

## Cowboys Sign Tackle

**FOOTBALL** The Dallas Cowboys signed the five-time Pro Bowl tackle Ray Childress to shore up their defensive line after the drug suspension of Leon Lett. Childress, 34, has not played in the NFL since Houston cut him in February.

Lett was suspended for one year Tuesday for a second violation of the NFL's drug policy. *(AP)*

## Bjorn Wins Rookie Award

**GOLF** Thomas Bjorn, the first Danish golfer to win a European tour event, has been named the PGA European Tour's top rookie of 1996.

Bjorn, who won the inaugural Loch Lomond World Invitational in September, is the 32d recipient of the award. He finished 10th on the European money list with £265,228 ($411,100). *(AP)*

# Players' Union Ratifies Baseball Labor Pact

*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Baseball players ratified the proposed labor agreement Thursday, ending a four-year fight with owners and ensuring no more work stoppages through 2000.

The agreement, ratified by owners last week, was approved by the union's executive board during its meeting Thursday in Dorado, Puerto Rico, according to a source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Lawyers worked through two snags involving bonus money and free-agent rules that had caused a two-day delay in the union's ratification vote.

Among other modifications, the union board agreed to permit interleague play on an experimental basis in 1997 and 1998.

Originally, the proposed contract gave permission for interleague play in 1997 only.

But approval of interleague play in 1998 was contingent on retaining the limit of up to 16 interleague games per team.

If owners want to add to the 16 games approved for 1998, an option they have discussed, they would have to allow the designated hitter in all interleague games, not just the ones in American League ballparks.

The agreement, which is still being drafted, ends a battle that began Dec. 7, 1992, when owners reopened key sections of the labor contract that had been in place since the end of the 1990 spring training lockout.

The labor fight cost players about $350 million in lost salaries during the 232-day strike in 1994 and 1995 and led to more than $800 million in operating losses for the 28 teams over a three-year period.

It wiped out the 1994 World Series — the first cancellation of baseball's championship in 90 years — and led to sharply lower ballpark attendance and television ratings.

With the agreement, revolutionary changes come into place in America's most traditional sport.

For the first time since professional major leagues began in 1871, there will be interleague play during the regular season. Each team will play 15 or 16 interleague games next season, starting June 12, when the four National League West teams will visit four American League West teams.

There will be a 35 percent luxury tax on the portions of payrolls above $51 million for the five teams spending the most on players, a provision designed to decrease the payroll disparity between the large- and small-market teams.

And there will be vastly higher revenue sharing among the clubs, as high-revenue teams are forced to give up a higher percentage of their locally generated broadcast and ticket money.

Under the agreement, players get credit for service time during the 75 regular-season days wiped out by the strike, the longest work stoppage in the history of U.S. sports. That gives free-agent rights to 14 more players, including pitchers Alex Fernandez, Jimmy Key and Mel Rojas and outfielder Moises Alou.

The minimum salary rises to $150,000 next season, and the players' share of ticket money from the first three games of each first-round playoff series drops from 80 percent to 60 percent, with the difference going into an escrow account.

If players exercise their option to extend the agreement through the 2001 season, the money would go to owners. If players decline the option, the union would get the money.

That last provision has been a sticking point.

Because owners waited until last week to ratify the deal, postseason checks already have been mailed, with the extra 20 percent of the first-round money included in the player pool.

The second sticking point was the rules for the new free agents.

The usual filing period is over, and teams must decide by Saturday whether to offer salary arbitration to former players who became free agents.

Players had wanted draft-pick compensation eliminated for the new group. While details were still being worked out Thursday, the source said it appeared that the former teams of these players would still have to decide by midnight Saturday whether to offer salary arbitration.

Those players not offered arbitration could not negotiate with their former teams until May 1.



Frank Augstein/The Associated Press

**Boris Becker pounding away at Jacob Hlasek to win in 58 minutes.**

# Becker to Face Henman in Cup Semifinal

*The Associated Press*

MUNICH — Tim Henman beat the Wimbledon runner-up, Malivai Washington, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3, Thursday to reach the semifinals of the Grand Slam Cup and in the process doubled his earnings for the year.

In a semifinal Saturday, Henman will face the home favorite, Boris Becker, who sent Jakob Hlasek back into retirement with a 6-4, 6-1 victory Thursday.

By beating Washington, Henman made sure of going home at least $431,250 richer. Before Munich, his earnings for the year were $421,997 while in two years on the tour he has won $591,432 in prize money.

The 22-year-old Briton, a quarterfinalist in Wimbledon, blasted 20 aces past Washington.

Hlasek, who came out of retirement for the most lucrative tournament in the game, at one point even tried playing with a racket in each hand. It was meant as a joke, but it plainly demonstrated Becker's supremacy. Becker broke for a 3-2 lead and never looked back.

He started the second set with another break and romped through the match in 58 minutes, firing 17 aces.

Becker's only slip came when he served for the match at 5-0. Hlasek took a racket in each hand, but it didn't help and he lost the point when his return went wide. He went back to the more traditional one-racket style, however, and broke Becker, helped by two straight Becker double-faults.

"Something strange happened, all of a sudden I couldn't put a serve in the court," said Becker.

But Becker rallied in the next game and when Hlasek's backhand volley sailed long, his career was over. He was given a standing ovation in the Olympic Hall and received a bouquet of roses.

"It's a loss for the tour. He's played so well for so long and he is a very nice guy. But everyone has to know when to retire," Becker said.

Hlasek was only an alternate for the $6 million event that brings together the 16 men with the best records in the four Grand Slam events of the year — the Australian, French and U.S. Opens and Wimbledon. The winner will get $1.6 million. Although Hlasek had retired in November, he agreed to play after the withdrawal of five players, including No. 1 Pete Sampras and No. 2 Michael Chang. For his efforts, Hlasek took a retirement bonus of $262,500.

# *Ajax's Survival as Surprising as Milan's Fall*

By Ian Thomsen
*International Herald Tribune*

ZURICH — What went through Louis Van Gaal's mind when he heard the news of AC Milan's dislodging by a tiny club from Norway? Perhaps he thought, "I could coach there and make them great again."

Or maybe he realized that the biggest clubs, for all their talent, have also the biggest problems.

AC Milan is the biggest soccer club in the world. There were plenty of indications that it might have trouble Wednesday night, but the 2-1 loss at home to Rosenborg was never expected. After all, the five-time European champion needed only a draw to advance. George Weah, the world player of the year, Stefano Eranio and Marcel Desailly were suspended from the Champions' League Group D finale, but in their place were Roberto Baggio, Dejan Savicevic, Zvonimir Boban and other international stars.

Van Gaal's problems as coach of Ajax Amsterdam were on a different level. After winning the European Cup in 1995 and making the final last season, Ajax was unraveled by the Bosman ruling, which permitted "free agency" last summer to Edgar Davids and Michael Reiziger — both of whom jumped to AC Milan, ironically — as well as to Nwankwo Kanu, who might never play again because of a heart problem detected after his move to Inter Milan.

Ajax also sold off the Nigerian winger Finidi George to Betis of Spain. Most of Ajax's remaining stars have suffered injury this season. Adding to the doom was confirmation by Van Gaal that he would be leaving Ajax after this season.

Altogether this season has been a disaster for Ajax. It was knocked out of the Dutch Cup last week and stands sixth in the domestic league, 13 points behind; in the Champions League it needed nothing less than its 1-0 victory Wednesday over its Group A co-leader, Grasshopper Zurich, in order to advance to the European Cup quarterfinal in March.

One of the differences between the two dominant clubs of the 1990s — between Ajax's dramatic reprieve and the disaster in Milan — was the control exerted by Van Gaal. The players representing Ajax were younger or more frail than its champions in preceding years, yet they maintained the famed Ajax system of control.

If Grasshopper swarmed the Dutch penalty area much more than Van Gaal would have liked, the Ajax defense was there in the crucial moments to block shots or hound the shooters. At the other end, the game's lone goal was finished coolly by Kluivert with an hour to play.

Moments later, John Veldman suffered a leg injury. In this traumatic season, it was his reward for the long pass to Tijani Babangida that led to the goal. Just before the substitute came on, Viorel Moldovan brought Veldman down again. Moldovan was penalized and Veldman was carried off on a stretcher.

More promising for Ajax against the increasing Swiss pressure was the performance of the winger Marc Overmars, who spent last season recovering from knee surgery. Near the end of the game, he cleared a potential Grasshopper goal, in between threatening to score. Frank de Boer captained the defense calmly despite a recent ankle injury.

All of them, and several others, will be welcomed back for the quarterfinal match against Atletico Madrid, which assured its victory of Group B with a 1-0 victory against Widzew Lodz of Poland.



Cor Mulder/Agence France-Presse

**Ajax's Patrick Kluivert, right, fighting his way through Zurich's defense.**

In Milan the end came two days after the rehiring of Coach Arrigo Sacchi from the Italian national team. A miskicked ball by a teammate deflected twice to Harald Brattbakk, who smashed it in at the 30-minute mark. Dugarry evened the score just before the half, but 20 minutes from the end the more famous Italian trio of captain Franco Baresi, Paolo Maldini and goalkeeper Sebastiano Rossi was outleaped by Rosenborg's lone striker, Sand Vegard Heggem, for the winner.

Instead of Juventus vs. Milan in the quarterfinal, the defending champion will head up to the tiny Lerkendal Stadium in Trondheim, Norway.

Silvio Berlusconi, the club's president since 1986, said the defeat was "the lowest point in our luck and in the league since I have been at Milan."

Milan is in ninth place in Serie A and, like Ajax, had been knocked out of the national cup.

"I'm disappointed and saddened," Berlusconi said. "But we have to learn from it and rebuild. We will do it with the right leader." By that he meant Sacchi.

Roberto Baggio might not agree. Sacchi had been refusing to pick Baggio, the 1994 World Cup hero, for the national team. At halftime Wednesday, Sacchi replaced Baggio with Christian Panucci and also brought on striker Marco Simone for Massimo Ambrosini.

In another sense, the loss will allow Sacchi time to develop the team for the next season. The next months will indicate whether he has been muddled by his experiences with the national team, with which he could never stop tinkering. The jeering of the small Italian crowd of 29,000 sounded painfully familiar to Sacchi.

"We lost deservedly and we all lost," he said. "It's not right to take it out on Rossi. We must not look for excuses. We must turn this misfortune into winning energy."

Group A went to the Champions' League debutante, Auxerre, on its 2-1 home victory against the hapless Glasgow Rangers.

In Vienna, Manchester United overcame a pair of recent home losses, beating Rapid, 2-0. Ryan Giggs scored in the 23rd minute. Late in the game, Eric Cantona scored his first goal in seven weeks.

United was aided by Juventus's 2-0 home victory over its Group C rival, Fenerbahce of Turkey. The English will face undefeated Porto, the surprise winner of Group D, in the quarterfinal.

# SCOREBOARD

## BASKETBALL

### NBA Standings

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

ATLANTIC DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miami | 14 | 4 | .778 | — |
| New York | 10 | 6 | .625 | 3 |
| Orlando | 8 | 6 | .571 | 4 |
| Washington | 7 | 8 | .467 | 5½ |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 9 | .438 | 6 |
| Boston | 4 | 12 | .250 | 9 |
| New Jersey | 3 | 10 | .231 | 8½ |

CENTRAL DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 16 | 1 | .941 | — |
| Detroit | 13 | 3 | .813 | 2½ |
| Cleveland | 11 | 5 | .688 | 4½ |
| Atlanta | 10 | 8 | .556 | 6½ |
| Charlotte | 8 | 8 | .500 | 7½ |
| Milwaukee | 8 | 8 | .500 | 7½ |
| Indiana | 7 | 8 | .467 | 8 |
| Toronto | 5 | 11 | .313 | 10½ |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

MIDWEST DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 16 | 2 | .889 | — |
| Utah | 14 | 2 | .875 | 1 |
| Minnesota | 7 | 9 | .438 | 8 |
| Dallas | 5 | 11 | .313 | 10 |
| Denver | 5 | 13 | .278 | 11 |
| San Antonio | 3 | 13 | .188 | 12 |
| Vancouver | 2 | 16 | .111 | 14 |

PACIFIC DIVISION

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 14 | 5 | .737 | — |
| L.A. Lakers | 13 | 7 | .650 | 1½ |
| Portland | 10 | 8 | .556 | 3½ |
| L.A. Clippers | 7 | 10 | .412 | 6 |
| Golden State | 6 | 12 | .333 | 7½ |
| Sacramento | 6 | 12 | .333 | 7½ |
| Phoenix | 2 | 14 | .125 | 10½ |

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 25 | 25 | 22 | 17— 89 |
| Houston | 27 | 26 | 26 | 15— 94 |

B: Fox 7-16 2-2 18, Barros 5-14 4-5 17; H: Barkley 7-13 4-6 19, Elie 5-11 7-8 18. Assists—Boston 21 (Radja 5), Houston 22 (Barkley 7).

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 30 | 15 | 28 | 30—103 |
| San Antonio | 30 | 21 | 31 | 31—113 |

P: Iverson 7-21 12-15 26, Coleman 8-18 4-4 21; S.A.: Wilkins 9-18 3-6 24, Elliott 5-13 8-10 19. Rebounds—Philadelphia 62 (Coleman 12), San Antonio 48 (Wilkins 10). Assists—Philadelphia 27 (Iverson 11), San Antonio 27 (Johnson 11).

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Golden State | 17 | 22 | 37 | 11— 87 |
| Phoenix | 37 | 27 | 28 | 24—116 |

G.S.: Sprewell 6-18 10-12 22, Mullin 6-14 4-4 16; P: Finley 7-12 6-8 21, Green 5-9 11-13 21. Assists—Golden State 17 (Price 6), Phoenix 36 (Johnson 9).

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| Indiana | 26 | 32 | 30 | 29—117 |
| Vancouver | 21 | 19 | 21 | 19— 80 |

I: Miller 12-16 7-7 36, D.Davis 6-9 3-4 15; V: Abdur-Rahim 10-16 4-6 24, Peeler 6-14 0-0 14. Rebounds—Indiana 54 (Dampier 9), Vancouver 31 (Rogers 5). Assists—Indiana 33 (Rose 10), Vancouver 25 (Mayberry 7).

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 21 | 27 | 24 | 37—109 |
| New Jersey | 25 | 23 | 28 | 26—102 |

N.Y.: Ewing 11-19 8-9 30, Johnson 5-9 8-13 18; N.J.: Gill 7-21 6-7 20, Pack 7-16 6-8 20. Rebounds— New York 57 (Oakley 12), New Jersey 55 (Gill, J.Williams 11). Assists—New York 24 (Oakley, Starks 6), New Jersey 23 (Pack 12).

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| Cleveland | 22 | 21 | 19 | 22— 84 |
| Orlando | 15 | 16 | 14 | 11— 57 |

C: Brandon 8-16 4-4 22, Mills 8-16 0-0 17; O: Wilkins 5-12 0-0 10, Seikaly 3-8 3-4 9. Rebounds—Cleveland 46 (Hill 9), Orlando 38 (Seikaly 7). Assists—Cleveland 25 (Brandon 8), Orlando 13 (Shaw 5).

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dallas | 21 | 22 | 22 | 14— 79 |
| Miami | 29 | 19 | 28 | 25—101 |

D: Gatling 7-15 2-2 16, Jackson 7-15 0-1 14; M: Hardaway 11-13 5-5 33, Grant 6-11 0-0 17. Rebounds—Dallas 46 (Miller 9), Miami 43 (Mourning 8). Assists—Dallas 21 (Kidd 7), Miami 25 (Mojonie, Mourning, Hardaway 4).

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 25 | 22 | 24 | 19— 90 |
| Detroit | 29 | 23 | 21 | 27—100 |

A: Blaylock 8-15 1-2 21, Smith 7-15 2-2 16; D: Hill 9-15 4-6 22, Dumars 8-11 2-2 22. Rebounds— Atlanta 34 (Muttombo 7), Detroit 36 (Hill 11). Assists—Atlanta 19 (Smith 5), Detroit 23 (Hill 8).

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| L.A. Lakers | 22 | 13 | 14 | 26—75 |
| Utah | 24 | 23 | 31 | 23—101 |

L.A.: O'Neal 8-18 5-9 21, Campbell 5-10 2-6 12; U: Malone 9-14 8-9 26, Stockton 7-11 0-0 18. Rebounds— Los Angeles 55 (O'Neal 8), Utah 49 (Malone 8). Assists—Los Angeles 14 (Fisher 3), Utah 26 (Stockton 7).

**EUROLEAGUE**

GROUP B

Alba Berlin 81, Teamsystem Bologna 64

GROUP C

Ljubljana 73, Villeurbanne 60

GROUP D

Dynamo Moscow 79, Sevilla 75

## HOCKEY

### NHL Standings

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

ATLANTIC DIVISION

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Florida | 16 | 4 | 6 | 38 | 79 | 51 |
| Philadelphia | 14 | 12 | 2 | 30 | 75 | 75 |
| New Jersey | 13 | 10 | 1 | 27 | 59 | 60 |
| Washington | 13 | 12 | 1 | 27 | 69 | 66 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 10 | 13 | 5 | 25 | 91 | 81 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 7 | 10 | 8 | 22 | 63 | 68 |
| Tampa Bay | 7 | 15 | 2 | 16 | 67 | 80 |

NORTHEAST DIVISION

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hartford | 11 | 7 | 6 | 28 | 73 | 74 |
| Buffalo | 13 | 12 | 1 | 27 | 77 | 76 |
| Boston | 10 | 10 | 4 | 24 | 72 | 80 |
| Montreal | 10 | 14 | 4 | 24 | 96 | 103 |
| Pittsburgh | 9 | 13 | 3 | 21 | 81 | 91 |
| Ottawa | 7 | 11 | 6 | 20 | 62 | 72 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

CENTRAL DIVISION

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 15 | 9 | 4 | 34 | 81 | 53 |
| Dallas | 16 | 9 | 1 | 33 | 74 | 60 |
| Chicago | 12 | 12 | 3 | 27 | 71 | 67 |
| St. Louis | 13 | 13 | 0 | 26 | 78 | 78 |
| Toronto | 11 | 15 | 0 | 22 | 76 | 89 |
| Phoenix | 8 | 13 | 4 | 20 | 58 | 74 |

PACIFIC DIVISION

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Colorado | 17 | 6 | 4 | 38 | 97 | 56 |
| Vancouver | 14 | 11 | 1 | 29 | 84 | 83 |
| Edmonton | 13 | 14 | 1 | 27 | 94 | 88 |
| Los Angeles | 11 | 12 | 3 | 25 | 71 | 81 |
| San Jose | 10 | 13 | 4 | 24 | 69 | 87 |
| Calgary | 10 | 15 | 2 | 22 | 64 | 75 |
| Anaheim | 9 | 14 | 4 | 22 | 73 | 86 |

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vancouver | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1—7 |
| Buffalo | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0—6 |

First Period: V-Lumme 3 (Nasiund, Sillinger) (pp). 2, V-Gelinas 6, 2, B-Grosek 5 (Barnaby) Second Period: V-Gelinas 7, 5, B-Ray 3 (Peca) 6, B-Audette 7 (Holzinger, Ward) Third Period: V-Brashear 3 (Rohlin, Roberts) 8, V-Crowder 1 (Roberts) 9, B-Grosek 6 (Zhitnik, Holzinger) (pp). 10, V-Tikkanen 5 (Auccin) (pp). 11, B-Peca 5 (Dawe, Shannon) 12, B-Grosek 7 (Shannon) Overtime: 13, V-Sillinger 5 (Nasiund, Tikkanen) Shots on goal: V- 8-15-12-3—38. B- 12-10-10-2—34. Goalies: V-Fountain, B-Hasek.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1—4 |
| Ottawa | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0—2 |

First Period: O-McEachern 3 (Dackell, Duchesne) Second Period: O-Van Allen 2 (Lambert, Daigle) 3, P-Barnes 6 (Murray, Deigneault) 4, P-, Johansson 4 (Lemieux, Jagr) 5, P-Jagr 24 (Francis, Lemieux) Third Period: P-Francis 8 (Holcher, Kasparaitis). Shots on goal: P- 8-8-8—22. O- 10-16-11—37. Goalies: P-Wregget. O-Rhodes. Tugnutt.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1—4 |
| Montreal | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0—3 |

First Period: B-Mager 5 (Ray, Harkins) 2, B-, Stumpel 10 (Richter, Wilson) Second Period: B-Heinze 12 (Oates, Stumpel) (pp). 4, M-Koivu 12 (Donaghousse, Recchi) (pp). 5, M-, Recchi 14 (Savage) Third Period: M-Savage 13 (Koivu) 7, B-, DiMaio 5 (Kennedy, McLaren) Shots on goal: B- 11-13-9—33, M- 7-9-4—22. Goalies: B-Ranford, Bailey. M-Thibault.

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| Philadelphia | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0—1 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0—1 |

First Period: New York, Noonan 4 (Gretzky, Robitaille) (pp). Second Period: None. Third Period: P-Lindros 1 (Hawerchuk) Overtime: None. Shots on goal: P- 12-14-11-3—40. New York 9-4-11-1—25. Goalies: P-Hextall. New York, Richter.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Washington | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

First Period: D-McCarty 9 (Shanahan, Lidstrom) (pp). Second Period: D-Fedorov 8 (Malthy) (sh). Third Period: None. Shots on goal: D- 8-8-2—18. W- 3-8-8—19. Goalies: D-Hodson. W-Carey.

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| San Jose | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Dallas | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

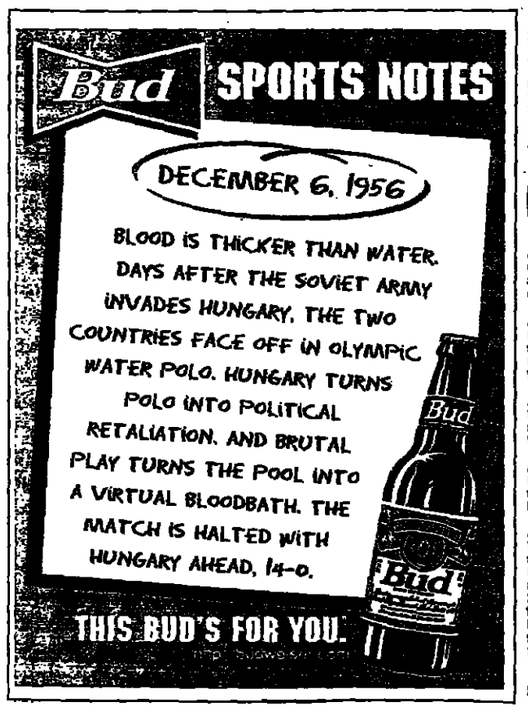
First Period: S.J.-Dahlen 4 (Turcotte) (pp). Second Period: S.J.-Mcsorley 1 (Sutter) (sh). 3, D-Nieuwendyk 3 (Matvichuk) Third Period: None. Shots on goal: S.J.- 7-4-7—18. D- 13-15-8—36. Goalies: S.J.-Hrudey. D-Moog.

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| Edmonton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colorado | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

First Period: None. Second Period: C-Sakic 12 (Forsberg) (sh). Third Period: C-Forsberg 12 (Klemm) (en). Shots on goal: E- 7-9-20—36. C- 8-14-10—32. Goalies: E-Joseph. C-Roy.

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| Tampa Bay | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Anaheim | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

First Period: None. Second Period: A-Ruccchin 5 (Korpa, Kent) Third Period: T-Hamelin 3 (Selivanov, Zamuner) 3, A-Selanne 14 (Korlya, Ruccchin) 4, A- Selanne 15 (Korlya, Ruccchin) (en). Shots on goal: T- 9-18-11—38. A- 8-5-11—24. Goalies: T-Tabaracci. A-Hebert.




## SOCCER

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE**

GROUP A

Auxerre 2, Glasgow Rangers 1
Grasshopper Zurich 0, Ajax Amsterdam 1
STANDINGS: Auxerre 12, Ajax 12; Grasshopper Zurich 9; Glasgow Rangers 3.

GROUP B

Atletico Madrid 1, Widzew Lodz 0
Borussia Dortmund 5, Steaua Bucharest 3
STANDINGS: Atletico Madrid 13, Borussia Dortmund 13; Widzew Lodz 4, Steaua Bucharest 4

GROUP C

Juventus 2, Fenerbahce 0
Rapid Vienna 0, Manchester United 2
STANDINGS: Juventus 16; Manchester United 9; Fenerbahce 7; Rapid Vienna 2

GROUP D

AC Milan 1, Rosenborg 2
IFK Gothenburg 0, Porto 2
STANDINGS: Porto 16; Rosenborg Trondheim 9; AC Milan 7; IFK Gothenburg 3.

**ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE**

Arsenal 3, Southampton 1
West Ham 0, Aston Villa 2
STANDINGS: Arsenal 34; Liverpool 31; Newcastle 29; Wimbledon 28; Aston Villa 27; Manchester United 26; Chelsea 24; Everton 23; Derby 21, Sheffield Wednesday 21; Tottenham 20, Leicester 20; Leeds 19; Sunderland 17, West Ham 17; Middlesbrough 14; Southampton 13; Blackburn 12; Coventry 10; Nottingham Forest 9.

**CONMEBOL CUP**

FINAL, SECOND LEG

Santa Fe 1, Lanus 0
(Lanus won 2-1 on aggregate).

**SOUTH AMERICAN SUPERCUP**

FINAL, SECOND LEG

Velez Sarsfield 2, Cruzeiro 0
(Velez Sarsfield won 3-0 on aggregate).

**ASIAN CUP**

GROUP B

Saudi Arabia 6, Thailand 0
Iran 1, Iraq 2

## CRICKET

**THREE DAY GAME**

THURSDAY, IN NAGPUR INDIA

INDIA A VS. SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa 1st innings: 384-5 declared
India A 1st innings: 340
South Africa 2d innings: 49-3
(India A and South Africa draw)

**FOUR DAY MATCH**

THURSDAY, IN HARARE

MASHONOLAND VS. ENGLAND

England: 197 and 180
Mashonoland: 280 and 98-3
(Mashonoland won by 7 wickets).

## RUGBY UNION

**TOUR MATCH**

IN PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND

Combined Services 6, Argentina 52

**TOUR MATCH**

IN LEICESTER, ENGLAND

Leicester/Northam. XV 20, West. Samoa 33

## TENNIS

**GRAND SLAM CUP**

IN MUNICH

QUARTERFINALS

Boris Becker Germany, def. Jakob Hlasek, Switzerland 6-4 6-1.

## TRANSITIONS

**BASEBALL**

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON — Acquired RHP Robinson Perez Checo from Hiroshima Toyo Carp of the Japan League. Named Ken Macha manager of Pawtucket, IL.

CLEVELAND—Claimed RHP Mike Gordon off waivers from Toronto Blue Jays. Sold contract of OF Nigel Wilson to the Chiba Lotte Marines, JPL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FLORIDA—Agreed to terms with OF Jim Eisenreich on 2-year contract. Designated RHP Marc Valdes for assignment.

HOUSTON — Agreed to terms with OF Thomas Howard on one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS— Agreed to terms with OF Brett Butler on one-year contract. Designated RHP Eric Weaver for assignment.

NEW YORK—Named Rick Waits pitching coach of St. Lucie, FSL, and Mickey Weston pitching coach GCL Mets.

ST. LOUIS—Named Jeff Shireman manager of New Jersey, NY-Pt.. Agreed to terms with OF Willie McGee on one-year contract. Named Gaylen Pitts manager of Louisville, AA.

SAN DIEGO—Agreed to terms with C John Flaherty on 2-year contract. Named Greg Booker bullpen coach, and Ken Nigro director of media relations.

**BASKETBALL**

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

CHICAGO — Activated C Robert Parish from injured list. Placed C Luc Longley on injured list.

PHILADELPHIA—Put F Don MacLean on injured list.

PHOENIX — Traded F Chucky Brown to the Milwaukee Bucks for G-F Dontir Hancock and 1997 second-round draft pick.

PORTLAND TRAIL—Put G Mitchell Butler on injured list. Activated F Jamaine O'Neal from injured list.

TORONTO—Put C Zan Tabak on injured list.

**FOOTBALL**

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ARIZONA—Put LG Rob Selby on injured reserve. Signed OL Matt Joyce.

DALLAS — Signed DT Ray Childress.

GREEN BAY—Signed C Jeff Dellenbach. Waived C Gene McGuire and RB Brian Satterfield. Signed DE Oscar Sturgis.

INDIANAPOLIS — Put S David Tate on injured reserve. Activated DB Richard Jones from practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE—Signed DE Jose White.

MIAMI —Transferred LB Marc LeBridge from practice squad to injured reserve. Signed DE Leroy Jackson to practice squad.

NEW ORLEANS —Placed S Sean Lumpkin on injured reserve. Signed S Derrick Hoskins. Signed DE Herb Coleman to practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS— Signed QB John Fecl. Waived WR Phillip Riley from practice squad. Signed WR Clarence Jones to practice squad.

OAKLAND — Signed P Lee Assgar.

SAN DIEGO — Signed RB Kevin Beale.

WASHINGTON—Signed S Keith Taylor.

**HOCKEY**

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOSTON —Recalled LW Andre Roy from Providence, AHL. Loaned LW Todd Ellis to Providence.

## SPORTS

# With Olajuwon Back, Rockets Edge Celtics

*The Associated Press*

When Hakeem Olajuwon returned to the lineup, the Houston Rockets returned to the victory column.

Olajuwon played 40 minutes and had 16 points, five blocked shots and seven rebounds Wednesday night as Houston downed Boston, 94-89.

"It was great to have him back," the Rockets' coach, Rudy Tomjanovich, said.

Olajuwon started slowly, scoring only four points in the first quarter and seven in the first half, when the game was tied 11 times and neither team led by more than six points.

"Dream was a little timid, but he came on strong, which is what he always does," said teammate Clyde Drexler, who had 15 points, one of six Rockets in double figures as Houston improved to 16-2.

No one, however, could accuse the Rockets' Charles Barkley of being timid, especially on the boards, where he hauled down 27 rebounds to go with 19 points.

"We need to play with more enthusiasm and passion," said Barkley, whose performance lifted back into the National Basketball Association's rebounding lead with a 16.4 average.

**Cavaliers 84, Magic 57** Orlando tied the NBA record for fewest points in a game, sputtering though quarters of 16, 16, 14 and 11 points in the loss to Cleveland. The Magic tied the record set by the 1954-55 Milwaukee Hawks and matched by last season's Philadelphia 76ers.

**Jazz 101, Lakers 75** In Salt Lake City, the Jazz won their 12th in a row with ease.

John Stockton had three of his four 3-pointers and a 2-pointer in a 13-2 run that broke a 24-24 tie and put Utah ahead for good.The Jazz led by at least 10 the rest of the way.

**Heat 101, Mavericks 79** In Miami, the Heat improved their winning streak to nine, also with ease. Tim Hardaway scored a season-high 33 points, hitting 11 of 13 shots and going 6-for-6 from 3-point range.

**Suns 118, Warriors 87** Phoenix won its second game of the season, opening a 27-point halftime lead and staying ahead of visiting Golden State by at least 18 the rest of the way.

A.C. Green and Michael Finley scored a season-high 21 points apiece and Danny Manning came off the bench to add 20.

**Spurs 113, 76ers 103** In San Antonio, Avery Johnson had 18 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter and seven in the final 1:06 as the Spurs won their third game of the season in 16 tries.

San Antonio had season-highs in points and field goal percentage (53 percent). The Spurs also blocked a season-high 15 shots, including a career-high nine by Will Perdue.

**Pacers 127, Grizzlies 80** Reggie Miller scored 31 of his 36 points in the first half of the most lopsided victory in Indiana's NBA history. The Pacers also tied a club mark by hitting 11 3-point shots.

Vancouver played without three starters as they set new franchise-lows for margin of defeat at home, points given up at home and fewest rebounds (24).

"It was bad. We were bad. Everybody," Shareef Abdur-Rahim said.

**Pistons 100, Hawks 90** Terry Mills scored 14 of his season-high 25 points in a span of 4½ minutes in the fourth quarter and went 7-for-8 on 3-pointers. Grant Hill added 22 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists and Joe Dumars also scored 22 as Detroit, playing at home, improved to 13-3.

**Knicks 109, Nets 102** In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Patrick Ewing rebounded from an awful game with 30 points and Buck Williams scored 11 of his 13 in the final period for New York, who lost by 24 to Miami on Tuesday. Charles Oakley added 14 points and 12 rebounds, and Larry Johnson had 18 points.

**NBA Roundup**

# Kansas Overcomes Cincinnati With a Spectacular 2d Half

*New York Times Service*

CHICAGO — Top-ranked Kansas took on Cincinnati, the preseason No. 1 team, in the best matchup of the young college basketball season in the Great Eight Festival.

For one half Wednesday night it looked as if the Bearcats, ranked fourth by The Associated Press after their upset loss to Xavier, would prevail. But the Jayhawks staged a furious comeback in the second half and rallied from a 16-point deficit for a 72-65 victory before a crowd of 21,062 at the United Center.

In the first game, Georgetown defeated Massachusetts, 58-53, behind 20 points from Victor Page.

Paul Pierce scored all but two of his 17 points in the second half to spark the Jayhawks' comeback, and Kansas outrebounded Cincinnati, 32-13.

"They took the fight to us in the second half, and we didn't respond," Cincinnati's coach, Bob Huggins, said. "We didn't match their emotion."

Kansas (6-0) also got 14 points from Scot Pollard. Danny Fortson led Cincinnati (2-2) with 25 points and 11 rebounds but helped trigger the Jayhawk rally when he got into foul trouble.

Cincinnati led 35-23 at halftime as Fortson scored 16 points and the Bearcats frustrated Kansas into 26.7 percent shooting.

When Fortson converted a basket to start the second half, it looked as if Cincinnati would keep its momentum. But Fortson drew his third foul and went to bench with 18 minutes 35 seconds left in the game. By the time he returned five minutes later, Kansas had outscored the Bearcats by 18-2 to grab a 41-39 lead.

The Bearcats tried to battle back but couldn't get closer than five points.

In the first game, UMass suffered its third straight defeat while the Hoyas improved to 5-0. Page, a sophomore guard, scored Georgetown's final six points, four on free throws, and drew a crucial charging call on the UMass guard Carmelo Travieso in the game's final minute to preserve the victory.

The Minutemen gave a gritty effort as they rallied from a 14-point deficit early in the second half to take the lead, 38-36, with a determined 16-0 run. But Georgetown hit 13 of 16 free throws over the final 10 minutes to pull out the victory.



Ron Frehm/The Associated Press

The Rangers' goalie, Mike Richter, battling Flyers' John LeClair for the puck behind the net.

# *Penguin Rally Tops Ottawa*

## Jagr Scores No. 24 as Pittsburgh Wins, 4-2

*The Associated Press*

Jaromir Jagr, the leading scorer in the National Hockey League, got his 24th goal as Pittsburgh scored four times within nine minutes to beat the Ottawa Senators, 4-2, Wednesday night.

The Penguins had gone the last 12 minutes in the first period and seven minutes into the second without a shot on net. But they scored three times on four shots on goal by Stu Barnes, Andreas Johansson, Jagr and Ron Francis.

Barnes scored his sixth at 12:08 of the second period, Johansson his fourth at 16:42 and Jagr at 18:44. Francis then put the cap on the run by scoring his eighth goal of the season 52 seconds into the third period.

After that quick outburst, the Senators' goaltender, Damian Rhodes, was replaced by Ron Tugnutt, making his first appearance this season on home ice.

Ottawa jumped off to 2-0 lead on goals by Shawn McEachern, his first in 18 games, and Shaun Van Allen.

**Flyers 1, Rangers 1** Eric Lindros scored his first goal of the season to pull Philadelphia into a 1-1 tie with New York.

Lindros, who has missed 23 games this season because to a groin injury, broke up a shutout by the Rangers' goaltender, Mike Richter, at 13:25 of the third period. Richter was brilliant in making 39 saves. Brian Noonan gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead with a power-play goal at 12:40 of the first period.

**Red Wings 2, Capitals 0** Darren McCarty and Sergei Fedorov each scored a goal, and Kevin Hodson made 19 saves as Detroit won at Washington.

McCarty's goal was Detroit's third consecutive on the power play over the last two games. Fedorov scored the other Red Wings' goal short-handed, giving them their fourth short-handed score of the season and clinching coach Scotty Bowman's 990th career victory.

**NHL Roundup**

**Canucks 7, Sabres 6** In Buffalo, Martin Gelinas scored two unassisted goals to help Vancouver overcome a hat trick by Buffalo's Michal Grosek.

Mike Sillinger scored the winning goal with 1:22 left in overtime when he drove the puck between the legs of Buffalo's goalie, Dominik Hasek, from the slot. It was the Canucks' first victory in four games.

**Bruins 4, Canadiens 3** Boston squandered a three-goal lead, but Rob DiMaio scored with 4:11 remaining in the third period to give the Bruins a victory in Montreal. DiMaio's goal gave Boston its third victory in four games, drawing the Bruins into a third-place tie with Montreal in the Northeast Division.

Scott Bailey, a rookie goaltender forced into the game in the first period when Bill Ranford was injured, recorded his first NHL victory despite allowing three goals on 15 shots.

**Sharks 2, Stars 1** Kelly Hrudey made 35 saves and Marty McSorley scored a short-handed goal in the second period as San Jose won in Dallas.

Hrudey needed to be sharp as the Stars outshot the Sharks, 36-18. San Jose also had a good night killing penalties, holding Dallas scoreless on eight chances.

**Avalanche 2, Oilers 0** In Denver, Patrick Roy established a franchise record with his fifth shutout of the season as Colorado beat Edmonton.

Roy stopped 36 shots to surpass the four-shutout record he shared with Clint Malarchuk, who established the mark for Quebec in the 1985-86 season.

Joe Sakic scored a short-handed goal midway through the second period and Peter Forsberg scored an empty-netter with 40 seconds to play as the Stanley Cup champions improved to 17-6-4 atop the Pacific Division.

**Mighty Ducks 3, Lightning 1** Steve Rucchin scored early in the second period and Teemu Selanne got the go-ahead goal with 4:17 left in the third as Anaheim sent visiting Tampa Bay to its sixth straight loss.

# Injury Dashes Street's Hopes For Downhill Title

By Barbara Lloyd
*New York Times Service*

VAIL, Colorado — Picabo Street, the spirited and talented American skier who has won the women's World Cup downhill overall title the last two years, fell during a training run and tore ligaments in her left knee. She will be out of racing for the rest of the 1996-97 season.

Dr. Richard Steadman, the U.S. ski team physician and head of the Steadman-Hawkins Medical Center, reported that Street on Wednesday completely tore her anterior cruciate ligament and had partly torn her medial collateral ligament. He expects to operate on the knee next week, once the swelling has gone down.

Street's coach, Herwig Demschar, said Wednesday night that the skier would be back next season. "She knows this is part of the ski business," he said. "She's bummed out. But she already has fire in her eyes."

The accident occurred on the women's 8,500-foot (2,500-meter) downhill training run here in preparation for this weekend's World Cup event. Street had the fastest time of the afternoon at the intermediate mark. But during the schuss to the finish line, Street gained air and fell backward. She crashed into a safety net at the bottom of the hill.

The knee she hurt is the same one that the 25-year-old skier from Sun Valley, Idaho, injured in a World Cup super-giant slalom in February 1989 at Steamboat Springs, Colorado. In that incident, she tore the anterior cruciate ligament and had to retire for the season.

But she came back with a determination that brought her the downhill silver medal at the 1994 Winter Olympics in Norway. In the last two seasons, she has won the overall World Cup downhill title, a feat no other American woman has achieved.

The competition here, the Café de Colombia World Cup, is scheduling the second downhill and super-G contests of the season Friday and Saturday.

Street was not at her best in the opener at Lake Louise, Canada, last weekend. She was fourth in the downhill, and skied off course in the super-giant slalom.

But Street was on a mission to duplicate the stunning performance of Katja Seizinger, the German ski racer who won the overall women's World Cup title last year. Seizinger leads the World Cup standing so far with 305 points. Street had 50.

"She had a chance, for sure," Demschar said, about Street's ability to win another downhill title. "She would have been in the game."



Sanna Farley/Agence France-Presse

U.S. ski racer Picabo Street being comforted by Alexandra Meissnitzer after falling during practice.

DENNIS THE MENACE



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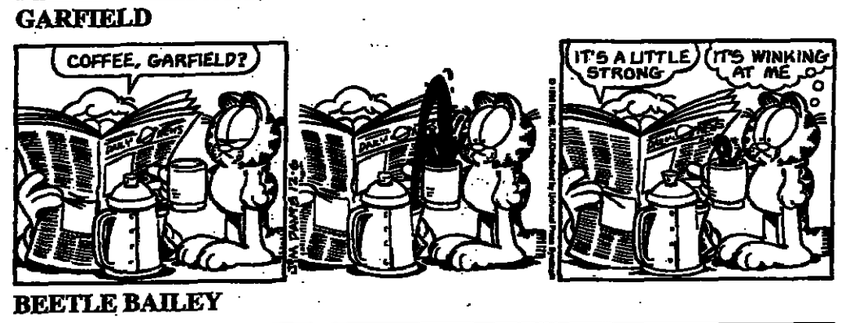
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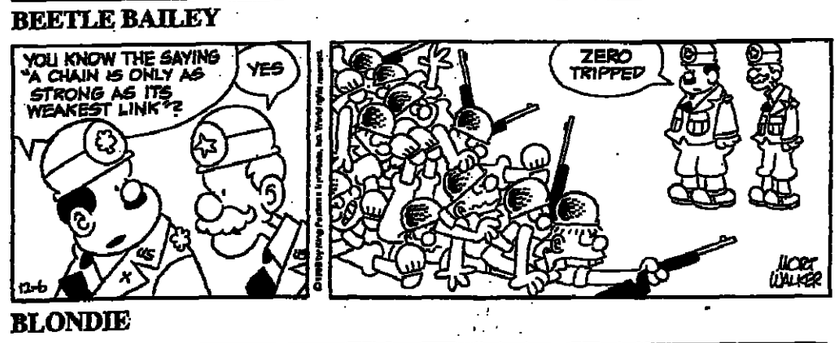



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## OBSERVER

# *Definitely Not Cool*

By Russell Baker

WASHINGON — Things to avoid:

Airports. Especially Logan at Boston in bad weather. Dulles at Washington in any weather, and Kennedy and La Guardia at New York even if all weather everywhere has been called off.

People who want you to be shocked because the president wasn't monogamous before he got the top job.

February, though if February is unavoidable, avoid January instead.

Any Broadway musical that is sold out six months in advance.

Blather chatter like "deeply committed" and "to implement this policy," as well as illiteracies like "the most unique," and all consumer goods advertised as "new and improved."

Old movies starring John Payne.

All movies that depict executions by hanging, guillotining, electrocution, chemical injection, firing squad and garrotting.

Detailed explanations of the Whitewater issue, whether they show that the Clintons are utterly innocent of all finagling or prove beyond argument that the Clintons are guilty as sin.

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Albert Belle, Jesse Helms, Michael Jackson and the Dallas Cowboys.

People who drive pickup trucks while drinking a six-pack of beer.

Salmonella, E. coli bacteria, secondhand smoke, fatty arterial deposits, gasoline fumes, unpasteurized apple cider and dental plaque.

The colorized version of "The Maltese Falcon."

Any new book about Virginia Woolf, Bloomsbury or the odd marriages of the residents thereof.

The common cold and people who go around distributing it.

Televised tennis.

People who do not appreciate Frank Sinatra, "Fawlty Towers," "One Hundred Years of Solitude," Mabel Mercer, Erroll Garner and Rodgers and Hart songs.

Televised golf.

O.J. Simpson.

Steak tartare, boiled carrots, bluefish, sushi, camel humps, the hot dogs sold at R.F.K. Stadium in Washington, and potatoes with garlic mashed into them.

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Everything described by the adjective "power," as power lunches, power breakfasts, power neckties and power people.

All newspaper, magazine and television reports on who and what is "in" and "out," or "hot" or "cool."

Fergie.

The entire British royal family except the queen.

People who sincerely believe we're better off with $3,000 worth of computer machinery that takes months to master and cannot be repaired except by an engineer when it won't work than we were with a $125 used IBM Selectric typewriter and a paste pot, and insist on telling you so and threatening to call you a Luddite unless you agree.

Terrorists who believe it heroic to promote a noble cause by killing people who have never heard of it.

People who rave about the Internet.

Indonesians bearing gifts.

Collectibles.

Tofu.

*New York Times Service*

# 'Art' Crosses Channel, and the English Get It

By Alan Riding
*New York Times Service*

PARIS — A London theater production that has good roles for both Albert Finney and Tom Courtenay already has a lot going for it.

Add to that a clever play with loads of laughs that ends in good time for a 10 P.M. dinner reservation. What more could Wyndham's Theatre ask for?

The blessing of critics? "Art," as the 90-minute one-act play is called, has had that, too.

Yet if London theatergoers are scrambling to see Finney and Courtenay on stage together for the first time in their long careers (Ken Stott completes the three-man cast), the true novelty about "Art" lies elsewhere.

The play is the work of a young French woman, Yasmina Reza. And it is many years — if not decades — since a new play by a French author has been produced in a commercial theater in the West End of London.

"I don't know when the last was," the 37-year-old Reza said in an interview at a Left Bank hotel near her Paris home. "I probably wasn't even born. In England, they told me that the last was Jean Anouilh, 40 or so years ago. But I honestly don't know why this is."

England's cultural insularity may be one reason. Outside the National Theatre, the Royal Shakespeare Company and other government-supported groups, London's theaters offer works by English and American playwrights and musicals galore.

French theater, however, has not shone in recent years. And today, English producers regard contemporary French plays as too intellectual or too lightweight to appeal to London audiences.

It is all the more surprising, then, that Reza has written a play that fits snugly into the best West End tradition of old.

"At last that rare thing, a true adult comedy blooms in the West End wasteland," Nicholas de Jongh wrote in The Evening Standard after the premiere in October. And in The Daily Telegraph, Charles Spencer said "Art" offered "heartening proof that the West End hasn't quite become a no-go area for intelligent plays."

The plot revolves around an all-white painting acquired for 200,000 francs ($40,000) by Serge, a dermatologist played by Courtenay.

Marc, an aeronautical engineer played by Finney, promptly mocks Serge for buying rubbish, while the younger Yvan, played by Stott, alternately takes sides or tries to mediate between the squabbling friends.

As the debate about contemporary art grows heated, it turns personal, spilling over into insults, about their tastes, about their respective loves (former, present and future spouses) and finally about one another.

The infamous painting becomes a mirror against which the tensions and loyalties of the friendship between the three men are played out, conflicts that in the end only the painting itself can resolve.

For Paul Taylor writing in The Independent, the performances outshone the play, while Tom Lubbock in The Observer felt the play had "plenty of gags but only one joke."



M. Rosenstiehl/Sygma

**Yasmina Reza, whose comedy is a hit in London.**

In The Financial Times, though, Sarah Hemming echoed the majority of London critics. "How pleasing it is to welcome a play about ideas into the West End," she wrote.

Perhaps by now, Reza should have grown used to the play's popularity. After all, "Art" was a huge success in France, running for 18 months in Paris and on tour. And along with productions in Switzerland, Austria, Quebec, Israel and the Netherlands, it has also been presented in about 30 theaters in Germany.

But it was always Reza's dream to break into the English-speaking world.

"I am not typically French because my mother was a Hungarian Jew and my father was an Iranian Jew born in Moscow," she said.

"So I never wanted to limit my horizons to France. But even after 'Art' did well in Paris, I wasn't sure it could be exported. London was, of course, the place to start because it is the gateway to Broadway."

Still, it was almost by accident that "Art" reached London. As it happens, Sean Connery's wife, Micheline, is French, and upon seeing the play in Paris she spotted a future screen role for her husband and tried to buy the movie rights.

"I said no," Reza recalled. "In the cinema, the writer is nobody. I'd be finished, and the play would be finished, too. I first wanted to see it staged in London and New York. Micheline said, 'O.K., then we'll do it on the stage.' And that's how it happened. In a second."

Connery and the English producer David Pugh acquired the English-language rights to "Art" and the writer and director Christopher Hampton was brought in as translator. Later, Connery recruited his old friends, Finney and Courtenay, while the play's director, Matthew Warchus, invited Stott to be the third man.

Now Connery and Pugh are discussing taking the play to Broadway.

France being France, however, acclaim in the "Anglo-Saxon" world is not necessarily a good thing because, in the view of Left Bank circles, this requires bowing to the commercial taste of the general public.

In fact, even when "Art" was playing to full houses in France, with such popular actors as Jean-Louis Trintignant, Pierre Arditi and Pierre Vaneck in the cast, many intellectuals sniffed at the suggestion of seeing the play.

Reza, who began her career as an actress, said the problem lies in the almost ideological rift between private and government-supported theater in France.

Her first two plays, "Conversations After a Burial" and "Winter Crossing," were produced in subsidized theaters and were well received by critics. But after she presented "Art" and her fourth play, "L'Homme du Hasard," in private theaters, "I was accused of being a traitor," she said.

Despite the immense success of "Art" in France, highbrow critical recognition has so far escaped her here.

For French intellectuals, the most important French playwright of recent years is the late Bernard-Marie Koltes, whose play "In the Loneliness of the Cottonfields," was performed in French in New York this year.

"He's the only one who is studied at the Sorbonne these days," Reza said with barely disguised irritation, "but he is not the only one."

Still, while it is hard to imagine a Koltes play being presented in the West End or on Broadway, "Art" has made it to Wyndham's beside Leicester Square and it may yet go further.

Not that Reza is easily satisfied.

"On the first night in London, while I was listening to the audience's reaction backstage, one of the technicians came up to me and said, 'It's a great success, well done,'" she said.

"I felt glum and replied, 'No, it's a catastrophe.' 'Why?' he asked, surprised. 'Because people are laughing all the time and you can't hear the words,' I said."

## PEOPLE



Steve Marcus/Reuters

**Madonna with her award...**

THE director of Germany's best-known theater company has resigned after less than a year in the post. A spokesman said that **Martin Wuttke** was leaving the Berliner Ensemble because officials had failed to guarantee the theater's future beyond 1998. Wuttke, 33, was named in January to succeed the late playwright **Heiner Mueller** as head of the Ensemble, which was founded by **Bertold Brecht**. On taking the job, Wuttke, an actor, warned that those who chose him may have been "unwise." A few weeks ago, he issued an ultimatum to officials responsible for funding Germany's heavily subsidized theaters. But Berlin's state parliament did not meet his demand for guarantees. While giving assurances that the Berliner Ensemble would be safe, the legislators said they would wait until the end of 1998 before revealing details of funding for Berlin's theaters.

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Making her first public appearance since becoming a mother, **Madonna** breezed into the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas just in time to pick up the artist achievement award. The pop diva said she didn't want to spend much time away from her 2-month-old daughter, **Lourdes**. "But then they said **Tony Bennett** was going to give it to me, and I said, 'All right, she won't miss me for a few more hours,'" Madonna said. She quickly departed after accepting the honor. Other winners included **Alanis Morissette**, artist of the year; **LL Cool J**, rap artist of the year; **Mariah Carey**, hot 100 singles artist of the year; and **Carlos Santana**, century award.

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In the latest round of a legal battle that has become something of a curiosity in the entertainment world, a U.S. judge denied a claim by **Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber** that **Ray Repp**, an obscure American composer of liturgical music, had stolen a song from his 1969 musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." **Judge Shirley Kram** ruled that although there were some similarities between Lloyd Webber's song "Close Every Door" and Repp's 1978 composition "Till You," they were not sufficient to justify Lloyd Webber's claim of copyright infringement.

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With a ukulele on his chest and six mauve silk tulips beside him in his coffin, **Tiny Tim** was remembered as a courtly entertainer who loved to please his audience. About 400 people gathered at a Roman Catholic Basilica in Minneapolis to eulogize the scraggly haired singer best known for his ukulele, falsetto voice and 1968 hit song "Tip-toe Thru' the Tulips with Me." Fans came from as far away as California, Florida and the East Coast. "He always wanted to exceed the expectations," his widow, **Susan Khaury**, wrote in the funeral program. "If he was supposed to do one song, he did three. If he was supposed to do two or three, he did five. No matter how he felt, the show must go on." Tiny Tim died Saturday at the age of 64.

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An autograph manuscript of "The Sign of Four," **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's** second **Sherlock Holmes** story, was sold in New York at Sotheby's to an anonymous American collector for $519,500, far more than the auction house had estimated. Doyle's handwritten final draft of his short novel, the oldest surviving complete Sherlock Holmes manuscript, was expected to sell for $250,000 to $350,000. Doyle had introduced the character of Holmes in "A Study in Scarlet," but the series only took off with the second story. "It was really 'The Sign of Four' that started the legend of Holmes going, which is what led to the further series of stories which made Holmes world famous," said **Paul Needham**, Sotheby's books expert.

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Hot-diggity-dog: The place was Nathan's, the mood hungry and the result, well, surprising. At a contest billed as the World Cup of competitive eating, **Hirofumi Nakajima**, a slight 22-year-old from Japan, beat **Ed (The Animal) Krachie** by scoffing down 23-1/4 hot dogs and buns in 12 minutes to the American's 21. About 70 Manhattan spectators saw the 144-pound (65-kilogram) Nakajima methodically defeat Krachie: While the 320-pound American wolfed his wieners and buns in huge bites, shaking his head, Nakajima sat with quiet concentration, eating the meat, dunking the rolls in water and swallowing them. "When I walked into the room and heard all those people cheering for the American, I just had to win it," said Nakajima, who was awarded a bejeweled mustard-yellow belt.



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**... and Santana with his.**

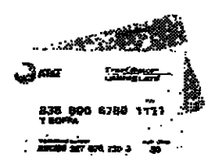



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